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fond of long white stockings, but then they wear them badly, and the stockings too often cover calfless legs; whereas the dapper little Siamese gartered their stockings admirably and wore their showy decorations on really well-made coats.

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reader is told that

"the rowlocks are very high, elevated as if on stilts, and the oarsman stands to his work instead of sitting, with his face to the prow instead of facing the stern of the boat, so that he has to push instead of pulling his oars through the water,"

he necessarily reflects how in Venice and in Bangkok the same necessities have resulted in the adoption of the same ex-

pedients.

Europeans almost invariably judge of civilization by the state of the roads, and wherever they go they sigh for good carriage roads, well raised above flood level; but too often they do not know for what they ask. In deltas such as Lower Siam roads must be kept below the flood level, and the bridges must be high enough to permit boats with their thatched roofs to pass under them, unless an expenditure is contemplated which in a country like Siam would be financially impossible. Few Europeans, and scarcely any Englishmen, have schooled themselves to remark where canals should take the place of roads, and it is probable that Mr. Bock has joined the crowd in giving bad advice on this point to the authorities in Bangkok.

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Mr. Bock's principal difficulties in Upper Lao were, it may be suspected, due to his own action in appropriating certain figures of

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Buddha which he found in an unused temple. He appears to think that because the people do not repair, paint, and varnish their buildings annually they are necessarily indifferent to their being despoiled or desecrated. This is a delusion he shares with a great number of European travellers. In many Eastern countries temples and tombs are never repaired; they are left to grow old and fall into decay by the action of natural causes; but any injury inflicted on them is warmly resented. It does not seem likely that metal figures of Buddha would have been left unappropriated on the ground and amongst ruins had no moral restriction existed to their removal. When Mr. Bock next travels he will do well to leave such "curiosities" alone.

The papers have lately been full of accounts of the late Mr. Holloway and his doings. It may, therefore, not be inopportune to relate that one prince in Siam bought 1,330 pounds of his pills!

First Principles of the Reformation; or, the Ninety-Five Theses and the Three Primary Works of Dr. Martin Luther translated into English. Edited with Theological and Historical Introductions by H. Wace, D.D., and C. A. Buchheim, Ph.D. (Murray.)

THE Luther celebration of last year will undoubtedly have served a higher purpose than convincing the world of the strength and activity of the Evangelical party if it has excited a wider interest in the story of the Reformation and a greater demand for patient and impartial investigation of its facts. If the history of the past can ever have a practical value in the present, assuredly the study of the sixteenth century ought to be the peculiar task of the nineteenth. Two great Church parties representing irreconcilable theological conceptions, between them the party of culture and of gradual educational progress-two great economical schools reflecting the same general ideas in the industrial world-such are the factors common to both centuries. Any work tending to assist English readers in the difficult paths of Reformation history ought to receive cordial welcome from all those who are unable to pursue their investigations at original sources. The 'First Principles of the Reformation,' edited by Dr. Wace and Prof. Buchheim, is the joint labour of the two editors, assisted by Mr. Grignon as translator. Dr. Wace has furnished an introductory essay treating chiefly of certain phases of Luther's theological teaching; Prof. Buchheim contributes a second essay on the political course of the Reformation, and a rendering of the tractate 'An den Christlichen Adel Deutscher Nation' (1520), accompanying it with a few explanatory foot-notes; finally, Mr. Grignon has undertaken the translation of the 'De Libertate Christiana' and the 'De Captivitate Babylonica Ecclesiae,' by no means, we suspect, the lightest portion of the task. The 'Address to the German Nobility,' the 'Christian Liberty,' and the 'Babylonish Captivity,' as three of the most important of Luther's early writings, have been termed by Dr. Wace "Luther's primary works." The term is free from objection if the reader be not led to suppose that the whole of the Reformer's character and teaching can be sufficiently grasped by a perusal

of these three works alone. They represent only one phase of Luther's spiritual development, expressed in a form undoubtedly influenced by current political circumstances.

If we turn from the title to Dr. Wace's essay, we must confess to a certain feeling of disappointment. This feeling is, perhaps, somewhat unreasonable, since we can hardly expect Dr. Wace to be a purely philosophical theologian or an entirely impartial historian. Still, convinced that the study of the Reformation must eventually be freed from all theological bias, we expected from him something beyond a vigorous Evangelical polemic. Dr. Wace, however, like Luther, shows a want of insight into historical development. Luther looked upon certain religious forms and ceremonies as almost criminal, and most certainly the creation of designing, self-seeking priests, because he failed to discover sufficient Biblical warrant for their institution. He never saw that they might possibly have arisen from some craving of mankind, some deep want of the human heart seeking to satisfy itself by outward ceremony. He did not enter sympathetically into the struggle which other men had for long centuries been making to satisfy their spiritual needs. Without such sympathy it was impossible for Luther, just as it is impossible for Dr. Wace, to grasp the religious life and symbolism of the Middle Ages. Dr. Wace can only speak of them as a "long agony," from which the Reformation was the "final deliverance." The mediævalist acquainted with the joyous tone of church feast and church hymn, with the rich emotional life of pre-Reformation Christianity, will smile when he reads that those were days when men lived in an "atmosphere of spiritual apprehension and gloom," or fancy that by some accident the learned author is really describing Calvin's Geneva, or the days when Germany was flooded with "devil literature," and her magistrates provided for the spiritual wants of the people by driving them to church. It is, perhaps, hardly necessary to give further instances of the controversial character of Dr. Wace's essay. Suffice it that he attributes to "Luther's genius, if a higher word be not justifiable," the vital ideas by which Europe has been "regenerated." From one who holds this partisan view it is vain to expect any historical examination of the influence of external events upon Luther. The motive of the 'Address to the German Nobility' was "to exhibit the principle of spiritual equality," although that principle was really the outcome of Luther's desire to appeal to the revolutionary party under Sickingen. We can-not quarrel with Dr. Wace because he has chosen to write not for historical students, but as a theologian for a particular theological party. He has written vigorously and characteristically from his own standpoint; we must, however, draw attention to one or two particulars in which his views cannot pass unquestioned. He states (p. xxxiii) that while Luther denied the doctrine of transubstantiation, that of consubstantiation usually associated with his name was really elaborated by later divines. Without going further than the 'Babylonish Captivity,' we must confess that Luther's statements (on p. 158) seem to us amply sufficient to identify his name with that doctrine:—

"But why should not Christ be able to include His body within the substance of bread, as well as within the accidents? Fire and iron, two different substances, are so mingled in red-hot iron, that every part of it is both fire and iron. Why may not the glorious body of Christ much more be in every part of the substance of bread?" These statements are certainly in the form of questions, but they evidently express Luther's own view of the real presence.

The next point on which we are compelled to differ from Dr. Wace is the satisfaction with which he views Luther's establishment of the rule of Holy Scripture as the standard for due control of the marriage relation:—

"It would have been too much to expect that in applying single-handed, to so difficult a subject as marriage, the rule of rejecting every restriction not expressly declared in the Scriptures, Luther should have avoided mistakes. But they are at least insignificant in comparison with the value of the principle he asserted, that all questions of the marriage relation should be subjected to the authority of Holy Scripture alone."

When it is remembered that Luther at various times declared that marriage with a niece and with a deceased wife's sister was legal, that bigamy was preferable to divorce, and that he could find no Scripture rule against polygamy, it is evident the authority of Scripture as interpreted by Luther is not entirely satisfactory.

Finally, we must protest against Dr. Wace's conclusion that, in Germany at least, the result of the Reformation was "a burst of new life......alike in national energies, in literature, in all social developments, and in natural science." We can find but little national energy in the despotism of petty princes; we can find scarcely a page of pure literature for fifty years after the German Reformation, unless Dr. Wace includes under that term theological controversy; and as for social development, its most striking feature was the destruction of the fraternities and the guild system—a very doubtful benefit to the labouring classes.

Prof. Buchheim's essay will help in some degree to correct Dr. Wace's purely theological treatment. It recognizes that the conduct of the Reformers had often a political motive, and that various sections of the people successively lost their enthusiasm for Luther and deserted his cause. On the other hand, it stands purely on the position won nearly fifty years ago by Leopold von Ranke. No one denies the services of that great historian; but the history of the Reformation has made notable advance in the last few years, and recent research has not always confirmed the views of the veteran professor. We cannot, like Prof. Buch-heim, acquit Luther of all blame with regard to the Peasants' War; he appealed to the ignorant masses, and the masses misinter-preted his words. His teaching, as Maurenbrecher has expressed it, was the spark which set a most inflammatory material ablaze. Nor would the essayist have laid stress upon the refined cruelty of the anti-Lutheran lords in their treatment of the peasant prisoners if he had known that the Evangelical Margrave Casimir of Baireuth, amongst other brutalities, put out the eyes of seventy of the rebels in one day, and then drove them out of his principality! The unbiassed his-torian will not feel inclined to draw nice distinctions between Catholic and Protestant in this matter. We might quarrel with many things Prof. Buchheim tells us, especially with his absolute condemnation of the Holy Roman Empire, and his statement that "the Germans did not benefit intellectually in any way by their contact with the Italians"; or, again, with his assertion that Luther set human intelligence free, and so brought about the political emancipation of Germany; yet it would be unjust to treat as a serious historical work what is only intended as a slight introductory sketch to the succeeding translations. It is, perhaps, superfluous to suggest that there is some mistake in the Archbishop of Würzburg mentioned on p. l.

Turning to the translations themselves, which undoubtedly will form the most permanently useful part of the book, we recognize the difficulty of rendering Luther's vigorous language into equivalent English, and due praise ought to be given to the translators for their comparative success in this direction. On the whole, Mr. Grignon translates better from the Latin than Prof. Buchheim from the German. Such renderings as "mere motion" and "foul dregs" for "mutwille" and "helgrundsuppe" hardly suggest Luther's vigour; nor do we quite understand why Luther's assertion that "the majority of Popes have been without faith" should be toned down to "there have been many Popes without faith." We hold, again, that the following passage might easily have been more forcibly translated:—

"Wolan, ich weyss noch ein lidlen von Rom vnnd von yhnen, iucket sie das ohr, ich wils yhn auch singen, und die notten auffs hochst stymmenn, vorstehst mich wol, liebes Rom, was ich

"Well, then, I have another song still to sing concerning them and Rome; if they wish to hear it, I will sing it to them, and sing with all my might. Do you understand, my friend Rome, what I mean?"

It might have been useful also to mark the passages which Luther introduced in his second edition, if the translation was to have critical value.

Mr. Grignon's rendering from the Latin seems to be fairly satisfactory, and to approach closer to Luther's style. In many passages, however, of the 'Christian Liberty' he would have caught Luther's meaning more closely had he consulted Luther's own German version. As the German version was published before the Latin, and still exists in manuscript, it was probably the original, and expresses more accurately Luther's meaning. We content ourselves here with one example, the opening lines of the dedicatory letter. In the Latin it runs : "Inter monstra huius seculi, cum quibus mihi jam in tertium annum res et bellum est," &c. The mediævalist would certainly have understood by "monstra" human agents; but Mr. Grignon translates: "Among those monstrous evils of this age with which I have now for three years been waging war." The former view is confirmed by the German version, where we find the expression "mit etlichen wusten menschen disser tzevt."

In conclusion, we may express a hope that this book is merely the forerunner of a series of Luther translations; but it is to be wished

that its successors will lay greater stress on historical and critical accuracy than on controversial theology.

Tabakát-i-Násirí: a General History of the Muhammadan Dynasties of Asia, including Hindústán, from A.H. 194 (A.D. 810) to A.H. 658 (A.D. 1260). By the Mauláná Minháju'd dín. Translated from Original Persian MSS. by Major H. G. Raverty. 2 vols. (Gilbert & Rivington.)

THE 'Tabakát-i-Násirí' has long been familiar to students of Eastern literature in the shape of extracts which are included in Sir H. Elliot's well-known volumes, but it has been reserved for Major Raverty to place before the world a translation of the entire work, accompanied with notes scarcely less bulky, and, it is but fair to add, little less worthy of perusal, than the text which they are designed to illustrate and explain. Of the care and thought bestowed upon the two volumes now given to the public it would be difficult to express praise too high or tender thanks more merited. The labour must have been stupendous. Indeed, the author himself plainly confesses that he has spent many years of his life in completing the herculean task which he had taken in hand, and the learned world will, beyond doubt, readily assign to the scholar who has made such sacrifices for their benefit and instruction that meed of praise which, it is to be feared, is the only reward he can hope or expect to receive from the production of a book unquestionably teeming with informa-tion and abounding in materials for the student and historian, but too technical and involved to appeal to a wide circle.

The learned Mauláná Minháju'd dín Júrjání, or Júzjání, the author of the 'Tabakát-i-Násirí,' was descended from a line of ecclesiastics who for generations had been settled in the district of Gúzján, or Júzján, north of Hirát, whence the appellation by which he was distinguished. He was born in the year 589 H. (=A.D. 1193), his father having been a high functionary under the Turk Mamlúk Kutbu'd dín, who at that period was in power at Dihlí, while his mother was the foster-sister and schoolmate of the Princess Máh Malik, the daughter of Ghiyásu'd dín, one of the Sultáns of Ghúr, a dynasty which played a large and important part in the history of the times. For some years of his life the young lad spent his days in the atmosphere of court circles, or rather, it should be ex-plained, in the "haram" of the princess in question; but as he grew up it became necessary that he should be removed from scenes ill suited to approaching youth and manhood, and he appears at an early age to have settled at Fírúzkúh, though during a considerable period he wandered about in various parts of the region which in the present day goes by the somewhat elastic and indefinite phrase "Central Asia." But the barbarian Mughals, under the wellknown Chingiz Khán, were at this date (а.н. 620=а.р. 1223-4) desolating and laying waste the lands of the faithful, and accordingly the pious Mauláná elected to migrate to the more peaceful vales of Hind. For various reasons, however, the visit was for a while delayed, and it was not till the year 624 п. (=A.D. 1226-7) that the fervent

follower of the Prophet settled down in charge of the Fírúzí college at Uchchah. In the following year he repaired to Dihlí, and was appointed to officiate in a priestly capacity to the ruling Sultán Iyaltimish; subsequently for a brief period he removed to Gwáliyúr, where he was fortunate enough to secure high office under the governor; but in 635 H. (=A.D. 1237-8) he returned to Dihlí, at which capital he resided, so far as is known, for the rest of his lengthened career, being on no less than three occasions nominated chief Kází of the city. When or where he died is wrapped in obscurity; indeed, but little is known as to his later days, save that he was alive in the year 658 H.(=A.D. 1259-60), up to which date he carried the historical events chronicled in the 'Tabakát-i-Násirí' (Násirí stories), so called in honour of his patron, Sultán Násiru'd dín, Mahmúd Sháh, who sat on the throne in the city of the Mauláná's adoption.

The work in question was written in order to give to the world "an account"—such is the quaint language of the preface which its author himself penned—"of the whole of the Maliks and Sultáns of Islám, both of 'Arab and of 'Ajam, and that a candle out of every dynasty should be enkindled in this assembly, and that to the head of every race a cap might be stitched by the relation of events and occurrences and illustrious actions."

That the appearance of Major Raverty's translation will serve to correct many historical errors may readily be conceded; but is he not a little severe upon the labours of others who have toiled in the path of Oriental study and research, notably as regards Briggs and Dow, the translators of Firishtah? Those gentlemen did good service in their time, seeing that their works, conjoined with Price's incomparable 'Retrospect of Muhammadan History,' even to the present day form the basis upon which the greater part of the fabric of Indian history is reared. It is somewhat ungenerous to treat them with contempt, even though some of their statements may prove to be inaccurate and misleading. Such historians as Marshman and Meadows Taylor, who had no pretensions to learned scholarship, might have been allowed to escape the withering criticisms which, were they now alive to hear them, they would scarcely have possessed technical knowledge sufficient to understand. Moreover, not a few of the errors pointed out are com-paratively unimportant; from this category, however, must be excluded the serious confusion of ideas which mingles in a chaos of hopeless entanglement the varied nationalities of "Turks, Tajziks, Ghúrís, Turkish Slaves, Jats, Sayyids, and others," who all appear under the generic name of Patháns or Afgháns. It is true that this "Pathán" theory was upset in Sir H. Elliot's history, but none the less it still continues at times to raise its head, and Major Raverty deserves credit for returning to the charge, and silencing, it may be hoped for once and all, a notion which every fresh investigation tends further to disprove.

It will not escape notice that Major Raverty's arguments are not in all cases beyond the pale of criticism; take, for example, the use of the "izafat," or sign of

the genitive, a matter in regard to which he had a discussion with the late Mr. Blochmann, who held views totally at variance with those propounded by his learned brother in letters. Without venturing into a discussion on this matter, it may at least be said that the deceased professor's arguments are entitled to the consideration and weight due to the deservedly high reputation which he possessed as one of the most learned and experienced scholars of his day; while as the "izafat" is rarely, if ever, marked, its presence or absence cannot in all cases be determined with unerring certainty. Indeed, Major Raverty himself appears to treat the offending sign in a somewhat arbitrary fashion, since (p. 320) we read "Muhammad-i-Súrí," while (p. 438) we find "Sultán Saifu'd dín, Súrí." Both phrases are identical in construction, and yet in one case the "izafat" is introduced, while in the other it is omitted. If it be pleaded that the two instances are not strictly analogous, the one being a name and the other a title, we would refer to p. 595, where will be found "Mahmúd Sháh"; but why not, according to Major Raverty's rule, Mahmud, Son of Shah - as the Persians would say "'Ajab"?

Again (p. 423), admittedly "Shighnan" is inaccurate, but why not write "Shighnán," the time-honoured name by which that district is known, instead of Shaghnán? Possessing the advantage of being able "to read the original for ourselves," we plead for liberty of thought. It would be easy to

multiply instances. Finally, mistakes in the present volume seem to show that no one is exempt from error; yet it would be rather a harsh verdict were the admittedly valuable labours of a painstaking scholar condemned as worthless because (p. 313) an "alif" is omitted from the original of the word "Akhmadi"; while the circumstance that the well-known game of "polo" appears (p. 357) as "pola," and the Arabic article rendered "al" (p. 530) is written in a manner which should be romanized as "lá," would scarcely justify the imputation either of carelessness or want of scholarship. The experience of every literary man points to the conclusion that absolute accuracy is unattainable. The want of an index, albeit the translator has anticipated the criticism, is much to be regretted. Even admitting that the time of a scholar is "too valuable" to be consumed on a task of such magnitude, it might have been supposed that some one could have been found competent and willing to undertake a labour such as would have earned the gratitude of every one who might have occasion to wade through hundreds of pages to find a reference which an index would have given in a few moments. In spite, however, of this drawback, we welcome the translation of the 'Tabakát-i-Násirí' now given to the world by Major Raverty as an exceedingly valuable contribution to the store of human learning and information, exhibiting at every page indications of careful thought and painstaking investigation; and the Eastern historian of the future who neglects its teaching will merit the blame which its author bestows upon those who have had no such guide to their paths or light to their footsteps.

Norfolk Broads and Rivers; or, the Waterways, Lagoons, and Decoys of East Anglia. By G. C. Davies. (Blackwood & Sons.)

Much has been written of late about the broads of Norfolk, to say nothing of the classical topographies of other days by Drayton, Camden, Lubbock, and the like—much that is more or less indifferent and commonplace. Mr. Davies, who has long known and loved the broads, has here produced from many scattered magazine articles an excellent modern account of the whole district, with sketches of its characteristic birds and fish and of the many curious old fishermen and gunners who manage to gain a precarious livelihood in it. The book is well written and well illustrated, and will, in all probability, open the eyes of many to beauties which they had hitherto never suspected in that flat and watery corner of England so enthusiastically described by the author.

The broads may be roughly included in a triangle, of which Norwich would be the apex, while Pakefield and Happisburgh form the extreme points of a base which is some twenty-seven miles long. Three rivers, the Yare, Bure, and Waveney, form the larger arteries of this watery district. Every here and there they and their affluents expand into "broads" or lake-like sheets of water; while marshes, canals, cuts, ponds, and "pulks" (smaller broads), ramifying from one to the other for the most part, and edged with reeds and aquatic plants, offer a congenial home to many rare aquatic birds and to multitudes of what are now known as "coarse fish," bream, perch, and the like. No salmon or trout invite the fly-fisher; but quantity will often make up with the angler for quality, and there is apparently no limit to the amount of the commoner fish which may here be caught. Of course the scenery is of the peculiar East Anglian type -no marked features, but glorious expanses of water and sky; yet it possesses a peculiar richness of its own from the multitudes of parti-coloured water-weeds and grasses which wave over it. Along its silent highways, too, much merchandise passes from Norwich to the coast in big wherries, while fishermen and pleasure boats everywhere in summer fill the watery wastes with life and bustle. Thus the broads, if retired, are not lonely, and yet their silence by day, above all their nocturnal stillness, so curiously broken by the cry of birds, the plunge of a heavy fish, and the "soughing" of the reeds, renders them inexpressibly attractive to those who have once made their acquaintance.

"Around the broads," says Mr. Davies, "is a dense wall of emerald-green reeds, from seven to ten feet in height. Then come the yellow iris flowers, tall and bending rushes and bulrushes, the sweet-sedge, with its curious catkins; tangled feathery grasses in such variety that as you stand up to the waist in them you may pluck a dozen kinds without moving; blue clusters of forget-me-nots, foxgloves, spikes of purple loose-strife, and broad tufts of valerian; bushes of woody nightshade; and, sweeter than all, masses upon masses, all the way along, of the cream-white and strong-scented meadowsweet,-these are what make the immediate banks changing panoramas of kaleidoscopic beauty. The far-reaching marsh has a beauty of its own, that of changing colour as the wind bows the many-tinted grasses and flowers, and the wind-waves and cloud-shadows sweep along; while everywhere are the snowy sails of yachts and the red-brown canvas of the wherries.....Colour is seen far away; a group of red and white cattle, or the scarlet berries of the guelder-rose entwined round some fallen willow, with a gleam of sunshine upon them, will lighten up miles of marsh. Then the flight of hawk and heron, snipe and wild duck, the splash of fish, and the scattering rush of the small fry as a pike makes his raid upon them, are incidents of every hour."

Of a particular district of the broads near Wroxham Mr. Davies has painted a delightful picture:—

"From Horning Ferry to Wroxham is perhaps the most beautiful stretch on the three rivers. Woods, meadows, corn-fields, eelsets, yachts, wherries, boats, crowd upon the eye. Lilied pools, green-bordered shadowy dykes and sequestered broads, invite detours and explorations. The clear brimming river laves the drooping grasses and the blue forgetme-nots. The deep purple fringes of the reeds toy with the bending branches and rustling leaves of oak and alder. The jewelled kingfisher sways on a reed, a yellow iris-flower bending over his blue back. As the seasons change, so the colours of the river-side vegetation change; and when the great leaves of the water-docks are yellow, and the trees drop their many-tinted leaves on the dimpled river, the gorgeous masses of colour and the variety of them are beyond any feeble words of ours to picture."

Captivating as all this sounds, sailing in the broads is not without its drawbacks. A wherry may run down the pleasure-seeker, or the tide near the sea whirl him into dangers by narrow bridges, quays, and the like, where boat or gear may suffer much damage in a moment. When sailing or "quanting" (i.e., pushing with a punt-pole) in the shallows the mud is apt to be malodorous, and in other localities he may run on shore and have to remain in the mud until the tide in pity returns to float the boat. Worse than these mishaps, so far as pleasure is concerned, what the natives call a "water-eynd," a thick, cold mist, may come rolling up from the sea on a bright day and obscure the whole land-scape. But worst of all, perhaps, is the "rodges-blast," a violent rotary wind-squall not uncommon in the district. It careers wildly over land and water in a limited though erratic course. It may blow the sail of one wherry to pieces while another fifty yards off is unharmed; and the amateur sailor, as he watches the "rodges-blast" levelling reeds and lifting stacks of them into the air, can but make ready for the gusts should they happen to catch him, and rejoice at his escape should they sweep over the broad to the right or left and leave him unharmed.

Changes of a marked character are constantly proceeding in the whole of this watery district. Its geological characteristics need only be borne in mind to demonstrate this. Belonging to the tertiary formations, and once serving as an aquatic fringe to the vast extent of fen behind it, the district of the broads formed part of that opposite country of Holland which in so many respects still resembles it. It has greatly changed from what it was even as late as the Middle Ages. The drainage of the fens, from the seventeenth century onwards, altered the physical characteristics of the broads as well. Drainage and navigation works daily change its face, to say nothing of the vagaries of the sea when lashed by violent storms and the slower forces of the tides which sap the

banks. As the ground is reclaimed by drainage it consolidates and sinks from its old level, thus leaving watercourses above, which are only restrained from breaking out again by constant watchfulness. Many of the broads are gradually silting up and being choked by weeds, as, for instance, Surlingham. Womack Broad, again, is fast being smothered in vegetable growth by a "hove or floating island which not many years ago was blown in by the wind and anchored on a shallow spot. Here it forms the nucleus of a marshy tract of which the tendency is constantly to augment. The working and placing of the wind and steam mills needful for the drainage, the breaking off by tides and floods of parts of the "rond," or bank, of the broads and the waterways, are other agencies always at work. More terrible than all for lovers of this half-salt, half-freshwater district, Mr. Davies, Cassandra-like, terrifies his readers with predictions of what a great inundation of the sea might accomplish under the influence of a strong northeast gale and a high tide after a continuance of high north-westerly winds :-

"In would come the sea once more with a roar and a rush and claim dominion over the fair lands it would waste. Nor can it be said that such a combination is impossible. In January of this year of grace 1883, the tide fell to the lowest ebb ever known on this coast within the memory of man. It was four feet below the zormal point of low tide, and caused great consternation in Yarmouth Haven, where vessels were placed in perilous positions. Now, if the tide rose four feet above its normal level, and the winds helped in the manner indicated, breaches of the sea-banks would occur."

and then le déluge.

Little space remains to tell of the many interesting matters connected with the broads which Mr. Davies associates with them. These subsidiary chapters of themselves would form a delightful manual on their fishing and natural history. The mystery of "eel-sets," already mentioned, is fully explained, and much sympathy shown for the aborigines who, inhabiting some stranded boat or sheltered hut, gain their living by thus capturing eels. The numerous cases of broads being selfishly claimed. as they unfortunately are year by year, and frequently closed to public fishing, are dwelt on with as keen a sense of injury as is displayed by Thames anglers at private aggressions on their favourite river. The myriads of fish which may be captured at the proper season in the broads and the beauties of the bird-life to be seen in the district come in for due attention. Swans, otters, pike, eels, and many another topic dear to anglers and ornithologists, are pleasantly treated. Those who are ignorant of the old-fashioned system of taking wild-fowl in a decoy will find it fully described in connexion with that which is still worked on Fritton Lake. This chapter is illustrated by four admirable photographs. Much as we have read on this matter, it is only justice to Mr. Davies to say that he has here succeeded in explaining the whole modus operandi of a decoy more lucidly than we have ever seen it explained elsewhere. But a whole article might be filled with details of the quaint waifs and strays of human life whom Mr. Davies found fishing, sailing, or gunning in his favourite district. The illustrations are printed on copper-plates direct from negatives mostly taken by the author, and give a good idea of the broads and their old-world village life to those who do not know the original. This book will probably attract a multitude of holiday-makers next summer to these silent waterways and picturesque lakelets of Norfolk. Might we plead with the author in their interest for an index in the next edition of this charming book, and, above all, for a map?

NOVELS OF THE WEEK.

Susan Drummond. By Mrs. J. H. Riddell. 3 vols. (Bentley & Son.) Beatrix Randolph. By Julian Hawthorne.

With Illustrations by A. Fredericks. 2 vols. (Chatto & Windus.)

Through Shine and Shower. By Lady Dunboyne. 2 vols. (Blackwood & Sons.) Uriel; or, the Chapel of the Angels. By the Author of 'The New Utopia.' (Burns & Oates.)

Victims of a Legacy. By J. F. Pullan. 2 vols. (James Blackwood & Co.)

La Veuve. Par Octave Feuillet. (Paris, Calmann Lévy.)

Senso. By Camillo Boito. (Milan, Treves; London, Nutt.)

SUSAN DRUMMOND' contains one of the best characters Mrs. Riddell has ever drawn. Certainly the disreputable spendthrift baronet is not exactly a person to admire. But Mrs. Riddell has been clever enough to make the reader disposed to like him in spite of his faults, and with uncommon skill she has contrived to give him the indescribable air of a gentleman, though he hardly does an action that a gentleman ought not to be ashamed of. Mrs. Riddell has never been very strong in heroines. Unlike most women who write novels, she has generally succeeded better in drawing men. The heroine in her new book is charmingly sketched at first, but as the portrait is filled in it hardly comes up to one's expectations, and, indeed, it is obvious that the writer's interest has been first with her good-for-nothing baronet and secondly with the other important man in the story, the heroine only taking the third place. The plot is not all that could be desired. It is well begun and well concealed; but the reader's curiosity is baffled really because there is so little to be concealed. The first half of the book, at all events, is excellent.

'Beatrix Randolph' is not one of Mr. Julian Hawthorne's best books. It is short enough, and yet it is clear that half the space would have been sufficient for the story. The heroine is a young American girl with a wonderful voice. In order to retrieve the ruined fortunes of her father she consents to appear at a new opera-house in New York, under the name and character of a well-known Russian prima donna, who had broken her engagement with the manager. She has a marvellous success, and her secret is maintained to the end, though her lover mistrusts and quarrels with her. Just at the end of the season the lady whose name she has assumed hears for the first time of the imposition, and hurries off to America, ready for any amount of mischief. Fortunately, however, she hears Beatrix sing, and is so touched that she entirely forgives her, and goes back again to Europe resolved never to sing again herself. Of course Beatrix and her lover make it up, and all ends happily. Considering that the Russian lady was so famous, it is strange that only one person in New York found out that Beatrix was not what she represented herself as being. Considering also that Beatrix's success was "the topic of the time, and the fame of it spread all over the United States, and was spoken of next day in London and Paris," it is still more strange that "the Marana" never heard of it. Apart from Beatrix herself and a New York man of fashion, who is well drawn, there is not a pleasing character in the book. An idiotic father, a despicable brother (who fell in love with the Russian), a crotchety lover, a scoundrel friend of the family, and a detestable manager make up the chief dramatis persons of a poor story.

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'Through Shine and Shower' is all the better for being restricted to two volumes. The effect, however, is hardly that of a compact whole, for Lady Dunboyne unfortunately has little idea of handling a plot. In lieu of a narrative there is a succession of slight scenes loosely strung together and wanting in obvious connexion. Indeed, in her first volume the prevailing method of construction seems to have been that of devoting alternate chapters to England and Ireland. There are too many sets of characters in the book; they give it the appearance of a gossiping account of the author's entire acquaintance, whether that acquaintance is bound together by any common fortunes or not. If her attention had been concentrated on any one set of characters the reader's interest would have been keener. There is a chance, for instance, missed of working out the doom which gathered round Sir Gerald O'Hanlon and his wife. The style of the two volumes is unchastened and redundant; but they evince a warm feeling for Killarney scenery and some power of description. That the art of letter-writing has been lost in these feverish days is a common complaint. The letters in 'Through Shine and Shower' are eminently calculated to give point to the charge. They are neither good in themselves nor useful as manifestations of character. There is plenty of spirit in the novel, but no indication that the author will ever be able to draw a character firmly or construct a plot skilfully.

There is some merit of invention in the story of 'Uriel; or, the Chapel of the Angels'; but the conviction on which the plot turns is exceedingly improbable. The evidence before a discriminating judge would hardly have been sufficient to ruin a dog. The author's attempts at drawing a variety of characters are ambitious; but all the characters have the unreality of exaggeration and are hazy in outline. They seem to have been suggested more by books than by actual insight and experience. A similar fault pervades the descriptions of Cornish scenery; they betray either an ignorance of Cornwall or else defective power of observation. The ele-ment of the supernatural is not very successfully introduced, nor is Tiglath, Pileser & Co. a happy name for London tailors. To improve in fiction the author needs much closer observation and a more determined effort to realize characters.

Yet one more absurd will is made to do duty, in Mr. Pullan's story, for the groundwork of a plot; and certainly it would be difficult to find a tissue of greater absurdities, combined with a good style and generally unoffending manner of narration, than are revealed in 'Victims of a Legacy.' In order to bring about one of the conditions of the will, the Rev. Paul Rammage-a highly unnatural character-commits a number of barefaced crimes, and even goes so far as to enter into a serious undertaking to pay to an accomplice thirty out of seventy thousand pounds, which are to accrue, under the aforesaid condition, to a certain "mission for stirring up dissensions in Eastern harems." But, absurd or not, the legacy and the clergyman between them bring terrible misery to at least one character in the story. The life of Bella Dunsterville is told with much care, and the tale is exceedingly pathetic. The gradual degradation of a pure woman by means of her very virtues is one of the most painful subjects which a novelist could select, and it needs to be treated with more than ordinary ability and refinement. There must be no hyperbole in describing the victim's original purity, and there must be no confounding of the finer natures, which can endure one, but only one, moral revolution, with the natures which are as likely to revolt ten times as once. Mr. Pullan has not made the first of these mistakes; but it may be questioned whether he has not misinterpreted his own creation so far as to make the second. Bella falls too far; the reader who loves her is too much excruciated by her sufferings. But it is something for Mr. Pullan to have done, in the teeth of the absurdities above mentioned, to enlist so deep a sympathy for his chief victim.

M. Octave Feuillet's new volume contains, besides the tragic story which gives it a name, a little drawing-room comedy called 'Le Voyageur,' in which a widow plays even a proportionately more dominant part. Needless to say that both are written with that perfection of style which is M. Octave

Feuillet's greatest charm.

A series of stories published under the collective title of 'Senso,' and written by the brother of the gifted musician Boito, are decidedly a treat. The title indicates the general tendency of the tales, which all deal with the mere brute passions of man; but the stories, while not adapted for juvenile perusal, are never coarse, and difficult moral problems are handled with a vigour and a fine perception that are beyond praise. The point of view, of course, is absolutely Italian, and often far removed from that of an Englishman; but this renders the book only the more interesting, because it faithfully reflects the mental and moral attitude of a nation whose modern character English people are apt to study far too little, an omission that often lands them in serious errors. The stories are wonderfully varied, both in incident and point of view. Boito clearly possesses much dramatic power. Thus, in the case of a story autobiographically told by a woman, he succeeds admirably in telling the whole from the womanly point of view and feeling, and this is also notable in the case of a story placed in the mouth of a priest. To those who do not desire to read only "moral tales" after the Edgeworth pattern, and are glad to encounter Italian stories written in an elegant and concise style, this book can be commended.

HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUARIAN BOOKS.

My Grandfather's Pocket-Book, from A.D. 1701 to 1796. By the Rev. Henry John Wale, M.A. (Chapman & Hall.)—Mr. Wale has discovered to his amazement that he had a grandfather whose name also was Wale—nay, that there were several Wales, and that one Wale bought a pocket almanac in 1700 called 'Rider's British Merlin.' Of this precious relic the Rev. Henry John, addressing his departed ancestors, says, "I have handled the British Merlin, which more than an hundred and eighty years ago one of you carried in his pocket to consult and make notes in." Having found the pearl of price, the obvious thing was to re-print the 'British Merlin' from cover to cover, and fifty-eight pages of royal octavo being thus handsomely provided for, to scrape together a mass of miscellaneous trumpery sufficient to overspread nearly three hundred pages more. Ten of these pages are taken up with a brief journal of a driving tour into Norfolk in 1777, which might just conceivably have some interest for local gossips at a loss for anything to talk about; but the book is a marvel of silliness, and at times so silly as to be almost amusing. Grandfathers really should not leave their pocket books behind them unless they are very sure who their grandsons are going to be.

WE have received the Inventories made for Sir William and Sir Thomas Fairfax, which were recently communicated to the Society of Antiquaries by Mr. Edward Peacock, and which have been printed from a MS. in the library of Nostell Priory. The earliest of these inventories is of the date 1590, the latest 1624. They give us a satisfactory insight into the style of living maintained by a country gentleman of this period, and are good specimens of the class of documents to which they belong. The furni-ture of a country house in those days was not by any means splendid or luxurious, estimated by our modern notions, though the amount of plate is very large. The list of books in "Latten, Ffrench, and Inglish" makes it pretty clear that the Fairfaxes were not hard students. Mr. Peacock is so very learned and sagacious an antiquary that even his obiter dicta are entitled to be received with consideration and respect; yet we are inclined to demur to his assertion that "inventories of the sort here printed.....are far more interesting than those compiled for purposes of probate." Nothing could be fuller or more minute than the inventories to be found attached to many wills in the various courts of probate. Chester is peculiarly rich in these inventories, which take account of the smallest pieces of property of which a man died possessed, even mentioning, in some instances, his spurs, gloves, and walking sticks. It would be quite worth while, if one of the societies would defray the cost of printing, to publish a volume of the earliest inventories from the Chester Court of Probate.

Annals of the Catholic Hierarchy in England and Scotland, A.D. 1585-1876, with Dissertation on Anglican Orders. Containing an Account of the Archpriests, Prefects of Missions, Vicars Apostolic, and Bishops of the Catholic Church in England and Scotland, from the Extinction of the Ancient Hierarchy in Queen Elizabeth's Reign to the Present Day. By W. Maziere Brady. (Stark.)—As this volume is only an old friend with a new face, and is absolutely identical with the third volume of Dr. Brady's 'Episcopal Succession in England and Scotland,' which has been in the hands of subscribers for at least six years, it is enough to say that the new title-page will probably prove more attractive than the old one, besides giving, as it does, a truer impression of the contents of the book itself. Good Catholics may find a long dissertation on Anglican orders edifying, and the details of biographies of very commonplace titular bishops pleasant reading; the outer world of Jews, Turks, and heretics is getting a little weary of this kind of literature, and we hardly wonder that it should be so.

L'Enseignement Supérieur de l'Histoire à Paris. Par P. Fredericq. (Paris, Chamerot.)—This report, reprinted from a magazine devoted to educational matters, is exceedingly well worth reading from many points of view. The author modestly calls it a mere collection of notes from his travels, but being himself a well-known Belgian professor, and in the habit of examining education in foreign countries, his impressions are very different from those of an ordinary tourist. The first point that strikes the English reader is the great number of independent colleges working collaterally in the supposed home of the most complete centralization. There are at present five separate establishments for the higher education, which we should call university teaching, in Paris: the Collège de France, dating from Francis I.; the École des Chartes (1821); the Ecole Normale (1808, remodelled by Cousin 1830); the École Pratique des Hautes Études, founded by M. Duruy, 1868; and the Faculté des Lettres, remodelled by M. Waddington in 1877 by the creation of scholarships for successful pupils, and by the supplementing of the professoriate with lecturers corresponding to the German Privat - docenten. These colleges af-ford fifty courses of instruction in history and the sciences auxiliary to it. It makes one quite ashamed of the English universities to read the details of this teaching, where great specialists. details of this teaching, where great specialists take up a small part of the subject, and give careful and complete courses, not for the wretched examinee, but for the earnest learner, and especially for the aspirant teacher. Thus, epigraphy, palæography, diplomatic, diplomacy, constitutional history, the study of archives, the philology of each language concerned—these and philology of each language concerned—these and a dozen other branches are all separately taught. In the Ecole Normale pupils are taught to prepare a subject, with the advice of the professor, and then to lecture the class, answering questions and submitting to criticism. It is, then, no wonder that the French have so brilliant an historical school. With us the student must find out his own method, hunt for his own materials, and form himself apart from the highways of teaching—from "the broad way that leadeth to" -examinations. And, indeed, his path is steep and strait enough. How many are there, moreover, who never discover their taste for any speciality, and go into the world fit to teach Latin and Greek out of books, and nothing The examination nuisance has, indeed, made its appearance in France, but people's eyes are open there, and the disease will be stopped before it has made the awful ravages it has already caused in England. There may be some doubts whether the colleges are not too numerous, especially as M. Fredericq mentions some very small classes in each; but even in France semi-omnipotent ministers of education find it easier to found a new college to carry out their views than to remodel or enlarge an already existing founda-tion. That this is so in England is notorious. Fortunately there is in Paris an ample supply of really efficient teachers-a great difficulty in England, especially in the outlying centres of education. Nothing in M. Fredericq's report is more delightful than his personal sketches of the professors in their lecture-rooms.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

In The Silverado Squatters (Chatto & Windus) Mr. R. L. Stevenson gives an account of his various experiences during a sojourn in the Californian hills. He makes no attempt at a systematic description of his life or of the scenery; his chapters are but slightly connected studies, carefully written and enlivened by that refined and scholarly sort of humour and that playful and unexpected fancy which have about them something like a touch of genius. But the subject does not altogether admit of Mr. Stevenson's showing his qualities to the greatest advantage, or, at all events, it seems not to

have been thoroughly congenial to him. The many readers he has so often delighted will be grieved to know that his squatting had a melancholy object. He was in search of health; so much he says, but he does not say whether the object was attained. The chapter called "The Scot Abroad" is in the writer's

Mrs. Richard Burron has printed a characteristic account of her efforts to promote kindness to animals at Trieste. "One or two Judases," she says, "left us, and occupied them selves with marring our work, and creating all the trouble they can for us."

We have received from Hetzel, of Paris, La Vie Publique en Angleterre, one of the ablest of the books by Frenchmen about England. M. Louis Blanc's work, though in some chapters better, is now altogether out of date, and the present volume is superior in real merit to 'John Bull et son Ile,' which, however, the public will prefer for its amusing qualities. Not that 'La Vie Publique en Angleterre' is dull. How good, for instance, is the following description of Mr. Bradlaugh!—"Avocat? Non certes, il ne l'est pas. C'est bien pis. Imaginez le génie de la chicane, en chair et en os, logé sous les muscles d'un tigre du Bengale et tapi dans la jungle de la législation la plus embrouillée des deux mondes." No foreigner can write No foreigner can write mistakes. The writer who of England without mistakes. The writer who is now before us makes the Westminster Review a Tory monthly; he tells us about "Blacwood" and "Fraser's Time"; he fancies that the "three estates" are the nobility, the middle class, and the people; he finds in the House of Commons spurs and umbrellas, which, except, as regards the latter, in Dr. Kenealy's case, are seldom seen there; he thinks that the Speaker is elected every year; he believes Committee of the whole House and Committee of Supply to be so precisely one and the same thing that Bills are considered in the latter; the calls "Lord Leicester" (of course he means the Duke of Leinster) the premier Duke of Ireland. Our chief quarrel with our author concerns his going completely out of his way to express, with regard to the conduct at Tamatave of Capt. Johnstone, an opinion at variance both with that of the French Government and with fact.

ment and with fact.

WE have on our table A Memoir of John Deakin Heaton, M.D., edited by T. W. Reid (Longmans),—Crowns and Decorations, by W. Jones (Chatto & Windus),—Beyond the Gates, by E. S. Phelps (Chatto & Windus),—The Heir of Lyolynn, by J. D. Hylton (New Jersey, U.S., Palmyra),—The Union Jack, Vol. IV., edited by J. A. Henty (Low),—Dolly and I (Warne),—The Old Farm Gate (Routledge),—The Young Coasters (Routledge),—Sunday Talks with -The Old Farm Gate (Routledge), —The Young Coasters (Routledge), — Sunday Talks with Mamma, by Mrs. S. Barker (Routledge), —
The Church Standard for 1883 ('Home Words' Office), —The Parables of our Lord, by M. Dods, D.D. (Edinburgh, Macniven & Wallace), —What think ye of Christ? by S. Clifford (Kegan Paul), —Les Manuscrits du Comte d'Ashburnham, by L. Delisle (Paris, Champion), —Monumenti Egiziani, by E. Schiaparelli (Rome, Salviucci), —Ausgewählte Gedichte, by W. Kirchbach (Leipzig, Friedrich), —Die Conventionellen Lügen der Kulturmenschheit, by M. Nordau (Leipzig, Schlicke), —El Cólera y su Tratamiento, by Dr. Schlicke),—El Cólera y su Tratamiento, by Dr. G. Sentiñon (Barcelona, The Author),—and Unsere Naturerkenntnis, by Dr. K. Kroman (Copenhagen, Höst). Among New Editions we have Krilof and his Fables, by W. R. S. Ralston (Cassell),—Owlscroft, by Nomad (Remington),—Seeing and Thinking, by C. H. Schaible (Sonnenschein),—Links and Clues, by the Hon. Lady Welby Gregory (Macmillan),—Anatomy for Artists, by J. Marshall (Smith & Elder),—True Men as we Need Them, by the Rev. B. O'Reilly (Dublin, Gill),—Lucile, by O. Meredith (Kegan Paul),—Ups and Downs of Spanish Travel, by H. B. G. Bellingham (Kegan Paul),—and A sere Naturerkenntnis, by Dr. K. Kroman (CopenPrimer of American Literature, by C. F. Richardson (Boston, U.S., Houghton).

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Gould's (Rev. S. B.) The Seven Last Words, Sermons, 2/6 cl.
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THE TABLET IN ST. GILES'S. Lennox Street, Edinburgh, Jan. 21, 1884.

I had hoped not to have to figure again as "a surgeon to old shoes," but your correspondent's letter of January 10th calls for some little remark, and with your leave I would notice very briefly one or two points in it. Church jea-lousies have no interest for me, but I am anxious lest Dean Stanley's reputation for literary and historical accuracy should suffer aught for lack of a clear statement of facts.

Your correspondent, with a view to supporting

the assertion that the Service-Book and the English Prayer-Book are identical, as contended in the tract under discussion, cites the 'Large Declaration' of Charles I., a well-known volume, also the statement of the king's opinion to be found in Rushworth's 'Hist. Coll.' The circumstances attending the issue of the 'Large Declaration' will be remembered. The king's subjects in the North were by that time in arms against him, and Episcopacy had been de-molished. It was the object of himself and his advisers to minimize to the utmost in this apoloadvisers to minimize to the utmost in this apologetic utterance the difference between the two Liturgies, and it is done in a manner most guarded. It will be observed that in the passage quoted by your correspondent from Rushworth Charles does by no means say the Prayer-Books were the same; on the contrary, he speaks of Laud's book "in some few alterations differing from it [the English]." Now it was just those "some alterations, which rendred it more invideous and less satisfactory" (Rushworth), that were a chief cause of all the troubles. They are described by a contemporary writer as are described by a contemporary writer as "additions, subtractions, interchanging of words and sentences, falsifying of titles and misplacing of collects; to the disadvantage of reformation." Very similar language has been used in our own time, though "the heat of controversy" in this old quarrel may be supposed to have cooled in the course of two hundred years.

Again, your correspondent will permit me perhaps to point out that he is not correct in saying that the Scotch Communion Office, as it is called, "had its origin in 1764." I would only refer him to Dr. Hill Burton, who writes, "The Communion Office was reprinted in 1764." In the preceding sentence he had mentioned the printing of Laud's book in 8yo. form in 1713 ('History of Scotland.' vol. vi. p. 147). But on Again, your correspondent will permit me ('History of Scotland,' vol. vi. p. 147). But on this point I will only add what must have occurred to readers acquainted with the subject. If these two books are identical, as the tractwriter and his supporter would have us believe, what is to become of the immense mass of literature that has been poured forth on the simple question of the supposed many and grave dif-ferences between the books, Dr. Hill Burton's lucid summary, and Dr. Sprott's and Dr. Grub's learned and interesting dissertations, not to mention the seventeenth century writers, the mere names of whose books would fill all

the space I could ask of you?

I will not follow the writer of the letter under notice into the proceedings of a previous reign,*
as they have no bearing upon Dean Hannay's

time or the points at issue. With regard to the solitary point which has been conceded, namely, that use was made a second time in St. Giles's of the Service-Book: from the facts as given in the tract it seems tolerably clear that little more was done in this regard than is usually done by English Church clergy before beginning their sermons, when they read a collect from the Prayer-Book. In no sense could this be called "a public reading of the Liturgy," even had the doors not been closed and the congregation selected.

I will now leave this case to be judged by the readers of the Athenæum in England and Scotland. I could desire no better jury. In the mean time I doubt not the municipal authorities of Edinburgh, who are men of shrewdness and education—if the matter rests with them—will leave the tablet where it is, and as it is, till sounder arguments be produced against it, to be, in some sort, a memorial of the affection borne for Scotland by Dean Stanley, a noble minister of God's word in whose heart there was no corner left for petty bigotry, so full was it of ALEX. FERGUSSON.

** We cannot insert any more letters on this subject.

* At a still earlier date, it is now understood, King Edward VI.'s second Prayer-Book was commonly used in Scotland. See, amongst others, Dr. Sprott on 'The Book of Com, Order.'

THE SYSTON PARK LIBRARY.

An important portion of the library formed by the late Sir John Hayford Thorold, Bart., at Syston Park, Lincolnshire, will be sold by auction at the rooms of Mesars. Sotheby, by auction at the rooms of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge in December next. The catalogue is now preparing, and the rarity and choice condition of the books—mostly in superb bindings by Nicholas and Clovis Eve, Le Gascon, Monnier, Desseuil, Boyet, Padeloup, Derome, Baumgarten, Kalthœber, Roger Payne, Lewis, and other eminent bibliopegists-will no doubt attract collectors. We may point out a few of the principal articles, merely prefacing that the portion now to be offered for public competition comprises a large collection of the competition comprises a large collection of the first editions of the classics, an extensive series of works printed by Aldus Manutius and the Aldine family (including rare counterfeits), books printed by the Elzevirs (including the ex-cessively rare Pastissier and Virgil on large paper), and publications issuing from the presses of the most eminute printers in the fifteenth and of the most eminent printers in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. To commence, there are a sixteenth centuries. beautiful copy of the block-book Apocalypsis; a fine copy of the Mazarin Bible; the first Bible printed with a date, by Fust and Schoiffer in 1462 on vellum; a Latin Psalter, printed on vellum by the same printers in 1459; the first German and Dutch Bibles; Augustinus de Civitate Dei, the second book printed in Italy; Eusebii Preparatio Evangelica, printed in 1470 by Jenson on vellum; Hieronymi Epistolæ, printed on vellum in 1470 by Fust and Schoiffer; Justiniani Institutiones, printed on vellum by the same printers in 1472; Valturius de Re Militari, editio princeps, printed on vellum; An-thologia Græca, litteris capitalibus impressa, editio naturalis, printed on vellum; Plinii Historia Naturalis, printed on vellum by Jenson in 1476; Monte Sancto di Dio, the first work published with engraving on copper; the Mirrour of the World, printed by Caxton in 1480; the Catholicon Joannis Balbi de Janua, printed in 1460 by Gutenberg; Sabellici Decades Rerum Vene-tarum, printed on vellum by Torresanus de Asula in 1487; Marcelli Epigrammata, printed on vellum and presented to Lorenzo de' Medici; Josephus de la Bataille Judaique, beautifully printed on vellum by Verard in 1492, with exquisite miniatures illuminated in gold and colours; the first four folio Shakspeares; numerous other works printed in the ffteenth and sixteenth corturns in the fitteenth and sixteenth centuries, including the Ximenez Polyglot Bible, numerous specimens of the libraries of Diane de Poictiers, Marguerite de Navarre, Grolier, Maioli, Thuanus, Colbert, &c., with a volume, in binding equal to Grolier's, marked on side "R. D. Manaldi Conseran. Præs.," a collector hitherto unknown; and several manuscript and printed Horæ with illuminations in gold and colours.

THE 'EXMOOR SCOLDING.'

Foxdown, Wellington, Somerset, Jan. 22, 1884. By accident I have overlooked until now your notice of Mr. Gomme's work on the Gentleman's Magazine in your issue of December 15th, 1883,

You say that Mr. Gomme's volume will contain "the original of the Exmoor Scolding," and that he has found an edition which will modify some of my conclusions as to the authorship of that piece.

Reference to the preface to my edition will show that my conclusions never pretended to finality, the very first line upon the subject being, "Of the history of the 'Exmoor Scold-

nothing really authentic seems to be known." Since writing those words my friend Dr. Brushfield, of Budleigh Salterton, has shown me a volume of Brice's Weekly Journal in the library of the Devon and Exeter Institution, and in a copy of this newspaper dated "Exon, Friday, June the 2nd, 1727," appears the first part of the 'Exmoor Scolding,' preceded by a kind of introduction, of which I subjoin an

In the same journal under date "Exon, Friday, August the 25th, 1727," appears the second part, prefaced by the heading, also given helow.

In substance this edition of 1727 is the same as that of the Gentleman's Mugazine published in 1746, but in the latter there are a great number of orthographic changes. Whether or not the edition here referred to is the same as that discovered by Mr. Gomme I know not, but I am now of opinion that earlier ones still may yet be found. F. T. ELWORTHY.

An Exmoor Scolding.

Sed in longum tamen corum Manserunt hodieq; manent vestigia ruris. Hor. Damnoniorum Plena jam voces integritate manent,

As its natural and full of Honour to love one's Country, so its as natural (And why not as praiseworthy?) to love its Language. Thus every Nation Country, so its as natural (And why not as praise-worthy?) to love its Language. Thus every Nation is big with Commendations of its own peculiar Dialect. The Spectator informs us of a certain Frenchman wont to bless God that he was born to so fine and cultivated a Speech; whilst that Author, on the other hand, rejoices, for the same Reason, that he was born an Englishman. Verstegan, that Celebrated Antiquary, who (à la mode de Genealogy de Jew) derives his Origin from the Antient Saxonae, is luxuriant in his Encomium on the Saixsonaeg Tongue; which as its an Importation here, he boasts, much imbellished wilder Britain; and laments it as a vast Injury and Loss, that the barit as a vast Injury and Loss, that the bar-Jaments It as a vast Injury and Loss, that the bar-barous Danes, savage Normans, &c., on their Con-quests, should so wofully impose their several Jargens on our Ancestors, to root out or confound so Noble a Language. The Weish, Descendants of the Britons, again, even in their most Anglified Towns (who still give our modern English the name of Saissonaeg, that is the Language of the Saxons) have frequent Sermons, Lectures, &c., in the Cambraic Tongue, in order to preserve, and deliver to Posterity, that their own, uncorrupt and in its simple Purity. And I hear of a Gentleman in Cornwall (in Antique Age Renoun'd—for Love to Saints and Shipperceks!) who has taken noble mighty Pains in Translating the Bible into Cornish, or Cornubian

Wetsh.
Since, therefore, its esteem'd a Kind of Patriotism to stickle for our Native Speech.—I, in Honour of my matchless County Decon (flowing no less with Manners than with Coin) whist Totnesius celebrates our dead and living Heroes, their mighty Deeds and our dead and living Heroes, their mighty Deeds and Words!—shall make it my peculiar Care to transmit to future Times our pure Vernacular Language; lest, by the too frequent Commigration of Londoners and Bristotians, it should be at length confounded. For which I expect Mr. Bailey's Thanks on his Dictionary's next Edition; and question not but Can you spragen Devon? will shortly be as much in Vogue as the old Parlez vous Yorkshire?

Exon, Friday, August the 25th, 1727.—If an extra-ordinary Sale be a Proof of Things taking with the Publick, the first Part of the Exmore Scolding, &c., pleas'd so very well, that I am encouraged to print the second, not doubting its meeting with the like acceptance.

acceptance.

An Exmore Scolding Dialogue, in the Propriety and Decency of Exmore Language, between two sisters Willmot and Thomasin Moreman, as they were spinning. Part the Second.

BALE.

In the library of the late Dr. Arthur Coke Burnell, C.I.E., sold by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, some of the books pro-For instance, a small duced high prices. For instance, a small volume, 'Cartas dos Padres da Companhia de Jesus de Japon e China, fetched 25l. 10s. Barros y Couto, Decadas da Asia, 18l. Bry, Peregrinationes in Indiam Orientalem, parts i. to x. only, 11l. 10s. Hulsius's Collection of Voyages, in German, parts i. to ix., xi., xiv., and xviii. only, 80l. India Museum Publications, 21l. Indian Antiquary, vols. i. to ix., 15l. 5s. Hakluyt's Voyages, 21l. 10s. Purchas's Varthema, Itinerario en Romance por C. de Arcos, 36l. 10s. Vesputii Itinerarium, 37l. The entire library produced 1,566l. 2s. 6d. THE DUKE OF MONMOUTH'S LETTER.

Preston on the Wild Moors, Salop. A Mr. Bowdler, in an autograph letter included in the collection of M. A. Donnadieu, dispersed by auction a few years ago, states:-

In the year 1734 I was in company with Col. Scott at Boulogne, when the colonel called me to him, and said, "Mr. Bowdler, you are a young man, and I am an old one. I will tell you something worth remembering. When the Duke of Monmouth was in the Tower, under sentence of death, I had the command of the guard there; and one morning the duke desired me to let him have pen, ink, and paper, for he wanted to write to the king. He wrote a very long letter, which, as I could not deliver it myself, as long letter, which, as I could not deliver it myself, as he wished, was, on my recommendation, entrusted to Capt. —. He, however, as he was about entering the king's closet to deliver it, was met by Lord Sunderland, who, on learning Capt. —'s business, informed him that he could not be admitted, as the king was putting on his shirt, but that he would himself give the letter to the king, and the door should stand so far open that he might see he did so. On which Capt. —, finding he could do no better, gave Lord Sunderland the letter, and he took it into the closet. After the revolution Col. Scott, who followed the fortunes of King James, being one day at St. Germains, the king called him to him, and said, 'Col. Scott, I have lately heard a thing that I want to know from you whether it is true.' The king then related the story, and the colonel assured his Majesty that it was exactly true; upon which the king said, 'Col. Scott, as I am a living man, I never saw that letter, nor did I ever hear of it till within these few days.'"

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THE PUBLIC RECORDS.

THE Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Deputy-Keeper of the Public Records contains, besides the usual account of the proceedings of the Public Record Office since the previous report was issued, a fitting tribute to the services ren-dered by the late Sir George Jessel, Master of the Rolls, during his eight years' control of that department. In the appendix further progress is made with Mr. F. S. Haydon's Calendar of Patent Rolls of the reign of Edward III., on the interest and value of which we have already commented. Mr. Haydon prefaces his calendar with a few notes on some of the most curious entries on the rolls. Among them we notice a licence to Alianor, the Queen Mother, to dispose of all her goods and chattels by will; an entry showing that the hermitage near Cripplegate, for want of proper protection, had been plundered by various ecclesiastics and laymen of all its books, vestments, images, bells, &c.; and a mandate to the Abbot of Thorney to inquire what persons had taken the eggs of ducks and other fowl from the nests in the king's marsh of Thorney, contrary to his proclamation, and thereby spoiling his Majesty's sport. Another important calendar, Majesty's sport. Another important calendar, that of the inquisitions post mortem in the Cursitor's series of the Durham Records, is begun and completed in this report by Mr. G. F. Handcock. The earliest inquisition is dated in the pontificate of Thomas Longley, early in the fifteenth century, and the latest in the reign of Charles I. Mr. Ewald begins a Calendar of French Rolls temp. Henry V., in continuation of his already published abstracts of Norman Rolls for the same period. Many entries relate to the protections granted to the numerous nobles, knights, and esquires who formed the flower of the English troops engaged in France under the king, and will therefore furnish a fine field for the genealogist to work in; but of more general interest are those, perhaps, which illustrate the commerce of our country, chiefly with Spain, Flanders, Portugal, and Italy. From the Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton, Mr. W. B. Sanders contributes a readable account of the volume of Anglo-Saxon charters belonging to Lord Ashburnham, facsimiles of which have been taken by the process of photo-zincography, and will form vol. iii. of the series of Anglo-Saxon MSS. now being published by Treasury authority. Not the least remarkable part of Lord Ashburnham's volume is the cover

which is described at considerable length by Mr. Sanders, and seems to be a remarkable specimen of ancient needlework. The materials used in making it were gold thread and coloured silk, the tints of which have been here and there overlaid with pigment. It is probably composed of portions of an ancient cope, the subjects chosen for illustration by it being passages in the history of Christ. A short account from the late Mr. Rawdon Brown of the progress of his work in the Venetian archives adds much to the interest of this report of the Deputy-Keeper. Mr. Brown, whose Calendar of Papers has been brought down nearly to the close of Mary's reign, points out that during the whole of Elizabeth's sovereignty there was no representative of Venice at the English court. On account of the strong anti-Papal tendencies displayed by the queen immediately on her accession, the republic feared to incur the hostility of the Pope by any diplomatic relations with her. A few passages are quoted from letters in the archives showing the detestation in which this "wicked and heretical woman" was held at the Vatican. In 1603 diplomatic intercourse was resumed, and was continued without interruption until the fall of the republic in 1797.

M. Armand Baschet still continues his researches in the French archives, and a list is printed in this report of the transcripts of despatches, &c., collected by him in 1882, and transmitted to the Public Record Office; the despatches are from various ambassadors and agents in England of the French court between the years 1624 and The work of collecting transcripts from the Vatican archives and Archivio di Stato in illustration of English history has been continued by Mr. William H. Bliss, who contributes a short summary of his work since the publication of the last report.

'THE WEEK.'

In your number of December 29th I see an editorial paragraph in which, by what seems to me a not very fair use of my name, I am associated with the "cynical" views of an article on international copyright in the Toronto Week. The article, as you must have seen, was signed by the writer, Mr. J. E. Collins, and I was not responsible for it in any way whatever. I am not the editor of the Week. The editor, whose name appears at the head of the paper, is Mr. Charles G. D. Roberts.

**We print Mr. Goldwin Smith's letter, but we are quite at a loss to understand what he has to complain of. We said that Mr. Goldwin Smith was a contributor to the Week, but we said nothing which could lead to the supposition that he was, directly or indirectly, responsible for the article on copyright.

Literary Gossip.

It is proposed to erect a monument at Cambridge to Thomas Gray, the poet of the 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard.' This memorial is to take the form of a marble bust, to be placed in the hall of Pembroke College, opposite to Chantrey's bust of Pitt, and close to the corner where Gray was sitting when his fatal illness attacked him. The sculptor will be Mr. Hamo Thornycroft, A.R.A. It is further proposed to place a bronze replica of the same bust in the Fitzwilliam Museum, since Gray belongs not to Pembroke College only, but to the University.

The life of Croker which Mr. Louis
Jennings has in preparation will contain a
number of letters, diaries, and other documents throwing light on the political history
of the first half of the century. Croker

preserved every scrap of paper he received, and Mr. Jennings's main difficulty has lain in selecting from the abundant materials at his command. The letters will show how highly Croker was thought of by the leaders of the Tory party, and how constantly his advice was asked by the Duke of Wellington and by Peel. New light will be thrown on the reasons which led Peel to decline in May, 1832, to attempt to form an administration and introduce a Conservative Reform Bill. A foreible letter addressed by Croker to Peel will be given, in which he complains that Peel had been in the habit of looking over the proofs of Croker's articles in the Quarterly upon Free Trade up to the time of announcing his change of policy, and had never dropped a single hint that he disapproved of their advocacy of the Corn Laws. Mr. Murray will not publish this interesting book for some months.

Messrs. Sampson Low & Co. have in the press a series of descriptive and biographical sketches of the ex-Khedive Ismail Pasha, the reigning Khedive, Arabi, Chérif, Nubar, and Riaz Pashas. The book contains personal reminiscences of Ismail, Arabi, and the present Khedive.

Mr. Hamilton Aïdé has a new novel, entitled 'Introduced into Society,' in the press, which, it is said, treats of a new phase in social life. It will be published by Messrs. Chapman & Hall. The same firm are about to publish a new novel by Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, entitled 'Puppets.'

Among MS. collections recently laid open to the inspection of the Historical Commissioners, the most important is perhaps that of the Marquis Townshend, at Raynham, Norfolk. Archdeacon Coxe, when compiling his Walpole and Pelham books, made extracts from the correspondence of the second Viscount Townshend, the well-known diplomatist and statesman; but there is much matter in these family archives quite unknown, including many letters and papers of Sir Nathaniel Bacon, the artist, half-brother of the great Chancellor.

Messrs. Bickers & Son will publish annually, a few days before the Putney race, a condensed edition of the 'Record of the University Boat-Race,' containing all the statistics of permanent interest in the original large edition and others that may from time to time present themselves, the whole corrected up to date. The volume for the present year, which will contain a full account of the race of 1883, will be ready early in March.

Messrs. Trübner, jointly with the Clarendon Press, will shortly publish an almost unknown Syriac version of 'Kalîlah and Dimnah,' otherwise called 'The Fables of Bidpai,' edited by Prof. W. Wright, of Cambridge. The text is very corrupt, but the editor has had the assistance of Prof. Noeldeke and of Mr. I. Keith-Falconer, who have supplied him with many conjectural emendations, which are given in the additions and corrections. The preface contains a full account of the version and the unique MS., preserved in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, and it is followed by a brief glossary, explaining most of the rare and difficult words which occur in the book.

The Transactions of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, shortly to be issued to the members, will contain 'Les Arathèmes d'une Mère Payenne contre son Vils devenu Chrétien,' by M. Eugène Revillout; 'Deux Pièces relatives à une Mariage du Temps de Darius,' by M. Revillout; 'The Pour Laws of the Ancient Hebrews,' by Dr. S. Louis; 'The Birds of the Assyrian Monuments and Records,' by the Rev. W. Houghton; 'On a Tablet in the British Museum relating to Two Architects,' by Dr. S. Birch; 'The Antiquities found by Mr. H. Rassam at Aboo-Habba (Sippara),' by Mr. T. G. Pinches; 'Recent Discoveries of Ancient Babylonian Cities,' by Mr. H. Rassam; 'Egyptian Mythology, particularly with reference to Mist and Cloud,' by Mr. P. Le Page Renouf; 'Akkadian Precepts for the Conduct of Man in his Private Life,' by Mr. G. Bertin.

Messes. Kegan Paul & Co. have in the press a new work, entitled 'The Foundation of Death,' by Mr. Axel Gustafson. It is a study of the drink question from the earliest ages.

M. VAN DAM is preparing an English translation of M. de Maupas's history of the Coup d'État ('Mémoires sur le Second Empire'), with notes. It will shortly be published by Messrs. J. S. Virtue & Co.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. James Woodbury Craig, of Manchester, the editor of *Bradshaw's Railway Guide*. The deceased gentleman was fifty-two years of age.

There will be issued in the course of the next few days a short biographical sketch of Sir Beville Grenville, the Cornish Cavalier, who was killed at Lansdown in July, 1643. It is from the pen of Mr. Alfred F. Robbins, who is also passing through the press a history of Launceston, under the title 'Launceston Past and Present,' in which especial attention is directed to the struggles which took place in and around the town during the Civil War.

The death is announced of Mr. Kennard, of whose forthcoming biography of Lord Westbury we made mention some time ago.

M. Viewed writes to us from Paris, under the date of January 26th:—

"Hier a été signé dans les bureaux de F. Vieweg, libraire-éditeur, à Paris, le contrat définitif concernant les mémoires de feu Henry Heine. Le contrat a été libellé entre M. Henry Julia, au nom des héritiers de Heine; F. Vieweg, mandataire de la maison Hoffmann et Campe, de Hambourg (seuls éditeurs des œuvres de Heine); et M. Paul Kroener, de la maison Kroener Frères, de Stuttgart, éditeurs de la Gartenlaube, le journal dans lequel parattront incessamment les dits mémoires. Le manuscrit original a été cédé au prix de 16,000 fr. et il se compose de 128 feuillets numérotés 1-147; les pages 6-31, qui manquent, ont été brulées par le frère de Heine parcequ'elles traitaient de l'origine de la famille."

The genuineness of the Julia memoirs has been fiercely disputed; but opinion, both in France and Germany, seems now to be favourable to them.

A LERMONTOF museum has been opened in St. Petersburg at the school of the Ismaïlovsky regiment, where the poet received a portion of his education. The chief objects are the various editions, translations, and musical settings of Lermontof's works,

a collection of his panuscripts and of paintings and drawings executed by him, and a series of portraits of the Lermontof family

MR. JARPINE, the Judicial Commissioner of Britisk Burma, and Dr. Forchhammer, Professør of Pali at Rangoon, have in the pressø complete edition of the oldest law book known in Burma. It consists of a bundle of palm-leaves scratched with a version of the laws of Manu. The author, one Buddhagosha, a jurist of the fifteenth century, records that he translated the book from the Talain language. He adds that the text was originally arranged by a Talain king named Wagaru, whose reign began in 1280 A.D. The language is Burmese intermixed with a dialect resembling Pali. The whole work will be translated into English. It divides law into eighteen titles, something like those of the Hindu Manu.

The Swedish theological writer Dr. Björling, Bishop of Vesterås, died very suddenly on the night of the 20th ult. He was born in 1804, and succeeded Fahlcrantz in the diocese of Vesterås in 1866.

THE Punjab education report for the year 1882-3 possesses some features of unusual It gives, for instance, a fuller interest. account than has ever been given before of the indigenous schools of the province. Of these schools there are 13,109, with 135,384 pupils; but it is stated that the mass of the teachers are quite illiterate, more than onethird of them being unable to read or write, and that the Mohammedan pupils, who form the great majority, are occupied chiefly in learning the Koran by rote. The report also deals with the first year of the life of the new Punjab University, at which the standard of proficiency demanded is equal to that of the other Indian universities.

An 'Introduction to the Study of Justinian's Digest,' by Mr. Roby, is in the press. One title, that on usufruct, is elaborately explained, the author thinking this the best way of making the 'Digest' intelligible to beginners.

Last week, in reviewing the life of Alaric Watts, we remarked: "In 1825 Watts flitted to Manchester and started the Manchester Courier; but whence the capital was found for this somewhat daring venture we are not told." Col. Fowler, the present proprietor of the Courier, informs us that his father found the capital, and that Mr. Alfred Watts is mistaken in supposing the journal was his father's scheme. The late Mr. Fowler started the paper and engaged Mr. Watts as its editor.

Messes. Sampson Low & Co. will shortly issue 'Old Boston: a Romance,' a story of the capital of Massachusetts at the time of the Declaration of Independence.

SCIENCE

The Creators of the Age of Steel. By W. T. Jeans. (Chapman & Hall.)—The author of this volume honestly states in his introduction that the title given to it appears "to require some vindication." Continuing his apology, Mr. Jeans (feeling, as the author of the large volume, 'Steel, its History,' &c., must have done that Réaumur, Huntsman, Mushet, and others, have a better claim to be regarded as "creators of the age of steel" than any of the

six men to whose discoveries this book is devoted) remarks as follows: "The nature of this 'leading ' is still little known to the masses of the people who have never been in an iron or a the people who have never been in an iron or a steel works. Although simple and inexpensive accounts of the processes employed.....have been published, they appear to have no fascination for the popular mind. Be they ever so lucid, being colourless and uneventful, they are not popular reading." Believing that the career of men with no birthright but their talents should have an intrinsic interest, the author states that the guiding principle in the compilation of this volume has been to exhibit its heroes in relation to the features of their time. The volume which the Secretary of the Iron and Steel Institute has published is in many respects interesting, and it may be read with considerable advantage by all who desire to learn the progress of the steel manufacture. Mr. Jeans seems to admit that he does not regard it as consistent with his "purpose to give the full personal details that compose a life." Yet he describes with minuteness Sir Henry Bessemer's transactions with the Stamp Office, his discoveries in the process of manufacturing bronze powder, his experiments with projectiles, and several other matters in no way relating to steel. As regards Sir William Siemens, we are in like manner informed of his achievements in electro-plating and anastatic printing, of his electro-magnetic experiments, his applications of electricity as an illuminating agent and as a prime mover, and of his researches on electro-horticulture; beyond these, his philosophical inquiry into the nature of solar energy is very clearly described. None of those can be allowed to have any relation to the regenerative gas furnace, or to the production of steel by the open-hearth process. No doubt there is much to interest the general reader in the relation of these outcomes of the magic of patient industry, but they have little connexion with the age of steel. If these matters had been omitted, the volume would have been reduced to half its present size, and the all-important development of the British steel manufacture would have been given in a more concise form, and its technical details would have been brought forward more satisfactorily. This would also have allowed the author to have included notices of other steel manufacturers, such as Mr. Lowthian Bell, whose 'Chemical Phenomena of Iron Smelting' and other works based on thousands of experiments place him in the front rank of the i' creators of the age of steel." Gánister, we would inform Mr. Jeans, is a fine hard grained grit, found under certain coal-beds, and not a sand. "Mr. W. Smith" should be Prof. Warington W. Smyth.

MR. FRANCIS GALTON, F.R.S., has sent us specimens of his Record of Family Faculties and Life History Album (Macmillan & Co.). These are forms in which anthropometric details can be entered. For the former he has offered considerable money prizes, in order to obtain wide material for the subject which he has, in a way, made his own—heredity. We doubt somewhat whether he will find many who could fill in the elaborate details contained in his tables for all the sixteen immediate ancestors of any particular "subject." Members of county families are the most likely to be able to compete for the prizes. The other book is of far greater utility scientifically and socially. If a large number of the middle class adopt the practice of keeping records of the chief events in the life history of their children, material will gradually be collected which will be invaluable for the student of heredity a few years hence, and the medical items will do more towards making medicine an inductive science than anything that has been done this century. Of Mr. Galton's 'Life History Album' it may truly be said that no English father's library can be considered complete without one for each of his ASTRONOMICAL NOTES.

MM. SCHULHOF AND BOSSERT have published revised elements of Pons's comet of 1812, with a continuation of the ephemeris to the end of this month. It passed its perihelion about midnight on the 26th of January, and the calculated intensity of its light is only about half what it was at the end of December. As we mentioned last week, it has ceased to be visible to the naked eye, but it may perhaps still be seen (until the moonlight becomes too strong) with a telescope in the constellation Cetus, as, in consequence of the increase of its right ascension, it does not set until nearly four hours after the sun.

The Sidereal Messenger (published at North-field, Minnesota, U.S.) for last month contains a very interesting article by the editor (Mr. W. W. Payne) 'On the Red Sunsets,' in which an account is given of flights of telescopic meteors as observed on several occasions recently in America. It is thought that these may have some connexion with the late remarkable sunsets, which, it will be remembered, were suggested by Mr. Ranyard to be due to the earth's passing through a cloud of meteoric dust. Prof. W. R. Brooks, of Phelps, New York (now so well known for his cometary discoveries), wrote under date December 8th, 1883: "While sweeping on the evening of November 28th, it was my pleasure to observe a wonderful shower or flight of telescopic meteors, about ten degrees above the horizon and near the sunset point. They were very small, none of them visible to the naked eye, most of them leaving a faint train, visible in the telescope for one or two seconds. The motion of most of them was to the northward, with an occasional group to the south of the sun, moving south-ward." Mr. E. E. Raynord nessee, had a similar experience on the 15th of December. Whether this has any connexion with the sunsets, which were most gorgeous during the last week in November, it is difficult to say. It is impossible to forget that the earth passes through the orbit of Biela's comet on the 27th or 28th of November. The most remarkable circumstance, however, about the sunsets has been their long continuance. The volcanic dust theory, strongly urged by Mr. Lockyer, has received much support in con-nexion with the famous eruptions at Krakatoa on the 26th of August; and it is possible that other eruptions may have been concerned in the production of these phenomena, which have been noticed both at sunrise and sunset.

We regret to record the death, under distressing circumstances, of Prof. Ernst Friedrich Wilhelm Klinkerfues, Director of the Observatory at Göttingen, who shot himself there on Monday last, the 28th ult. He was born at Hofgeismar, in Hesse-Cassel, on the 29th of March, 1827, first became connected with the Göttingen Observatory in 1851, and succeeded to the directorship on the death of Gauss. He was the discoverer of several comets, the first being the third comet of 1853, and the last the second comet of 1863. His activity as an astronomical observer and calculator is shown by his numerous contributions during the last thirty years to the Astronomische Nachrichten and other German scientific periodicals, which include also papers of great interest on special points in physical optics. Prof. Klinkerfues was elected an associate of our Royal Astronomical Society in 1882. He published a work on theoretical astronomy at Brunswick in 1872. It is reported that pecuniary embarrassments were partly the cause of his melancholy end.

The next Gresham course of lectures on astronomy will be delivered by the lecturer, the Rev. E. Ledger, on the evenings of next week, Tuesday, 5th, to Friday, 8th inst., commencing as usual at 6 o'clock.

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—Jan. 24.—The President in the chair.— he following papers were read: 'Observations on ROYAL.—Jan. 24.—The President in the Chair,— The following papers were read: 'Observations on the Influence of certain Culture Fluids and Medicinal Reagents on the Growth and Development of the Bacillus tuberculosis,' by Dr. C. T. Williams,—and 'The Effects of Lesions of different Regions of the Cerebral Hemispheres,' by Drs. Ferrier and G. F.

GEOGRAPHICAL.—Jan. 28.—General Sir J. H. Lefroy, V.P., in the chair.—The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: Col. H. B. Urmston, Dr. McEacharn, Messrs. E. F. Alford, O. Bates, E. S. Burns, J. W. Clark, T. R. Griffith, J. W. D. Johnstone, G. H. Jones, G. Moffatt, S. Platt, J. L. Stuart, J. Williams, and W. T. Wiseman.—The papers read were: 'Three Months' Exploration in the Tenimber Islands (Timor Laut),' by Mr. H. O. Forbes,—and 'Ascent of the Crater of Ambrym Island, New Hebrides,' by Lieut, Beresford and Mr. Luther.

GEOLOGICAL.—Jan. 23.—Mr. R. Etheridge, V.P., in the chair.—Mr. G. H. Nelson and Mr. J. P. Spencer were elected Fellows.—The following communications were read: 'On the Serpentine and Associated Rocks of Porthalls Cove,' by Mr. J. H. Collins,—and 'Outline of the Geology of Arabia,' by Mr. C. M. Doughty, communicated by Prof. T. G. Bonney.

Society of Antiquaries.—Jan. 24.—Mr. A. W. Franks, V.P., in the chair.—The Earl Percy, the Rev. F. St. John Thackeray, and Mr. W. Niven were admitted Fellows.—Mr. W. Niven exhibited, by permission of Mr. Burrell, four out of five large fint celts found at Teddington, about two feet from the surface, while erecting houses in Clarence Road. the surface, while erecting houses in Clarence Road. They measured on an average about eight inches in length, four in breadth, and two in thickness.—The Chairman observed that he was very familiar with specimens of flint implements from Teddington, but in most cases they had been found in the Thames. The very fine examples on the table had been formed by only chipping, but it did not follow they had not been used, for a very good cutting edge might be formed by chipping alone.—Major C. Cooper communicated an interesting account of a Saxon interment on the summit of Sheepwalk Hill, in the parish of Toddington, and exhibited the various objects found, consisting of the iron umbo or boss of a shield, a leaf-shaped ribbed spearhead, a small knife, a variegated bead, and two bronze fibulæ. Two shield, a leaf-shaped ribbed spearhead, a small knife, a variegated bead, and two bronze fibulæ. Two skeletons were found, one face downwards and at right angles to the other.—Mr. F. A. Walter exhibited a view and plans of the excavations now in progress to discover the remains of the Abbey of Buckfaster or Buckfastlejh—to give only two of the various names assigned to this ancient Cistercian house. Mr. Walter also exhibited two spoons, a glass quarry, and some fragments of raised tiles which had been discovered during the progress of the work.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LITERATURE.—Jan. 23.—Mr. J. Haynes in the chair.—Mr. C. J. Stone read a paper 'On the Aryan Birthplace,' in which he contended that the evidences of the existence of the Aryan or Indo-European race, not only in Hindustan and Europe, but in ancient and modern America, demanded, in his judgment, a larger and more central birthplace than the comparatively scantly valleys of the Oyus to which science has generally more central birthplace than the comparatively scanty valleys of the Oxus, to which science has generally assigned it. He argued that the Vedas, admitted generally to be the oldest literature of these races, contain no satisfactory evidence of an origin of the Hindus beyond the Hindu Kush. Their images, &c., appeared to him to belong to a Southern region, as the hymns to Indra imply a rainy season. He thought also the adoration of Agni, the holy fire ignited by the attrition of two pieces of wood, suggested a tropical origin.

SOCIETY OF ARTS.—Jan. 24.—Mr. D. Howard in the chair.—A paper 'On the Manufacture of Gas from Limed Coal' was read before the Applied Chemistry and Physics Section of the Society by Prof Wanklan

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Jan. 28.—Mr. B. F. Cobb in the chair.—The opening lecture of the course of Cantor Lectures 'On Recent Improvements in Photo-Mechanical Printing Methods' was delivered by Mr. T. Bolas. The lecture was confined to a description of the methods of producing photographic printing blocks by the Woodbury-type process, and was fully illustrated with experiments.

Jan. 29.—The Most Hon. the Marquis of Lorne in the chair.—A paper 'On Canada as it will be Seen by the British Association in 1884 'was read by Mr. J. G. Colmer before the Foreign and Colonial Section of the Society.—A discussion followed, in which Sir A. Galt, Mr. S. Hill, and others took part.

Jan. 30.—Mr. W. C. Roberts in the chair.—Twenty-four new Members were elected.—A paper 'On Coal-

gas as a Labour-saving Agent in Mechanical Trades was read by Mr. T. Fletcher,

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ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.—Jan. 22.—Anniversary Meeting.—Prof. Flower, President, in the chair.—The following gentlemen were elected Officers and Council for the year 1884: President, Prof. W. H. Flower; Vice. Presidents, H. Clarke, Dr. J. Evans, F. Galton, Lieut.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, Major-General Pitt-Rivers, and Dr. E. B. Tylor; Director, F. W. Rudler; Treasurer, F. G. H. Price; Council, Dr. J. Beddoe, S. E. B. Bouverie-Pusey, E. W. Brabrook, C. H. E. Carmichael, W. L. Distant, C. I. Elton, A. W. Franks, Dr. J. G. Garson, Prof. Huxley, Prof. A. H. Keane, A. L. Lewis, Sir J. Lubbock, R. B. Martin, Dr. H. Muirhead, J. E. Price, Lord A. Russell, Prof. G. D. Thane, Dr. A. Thomson, A. Tylor, and M. J. Walhouse.—The President delivered an address 'On the Aims and Prospects of the Study of Anthropology, Prof. Flower mentioned with gratification the increased interest shown in the science at Oxford and Cambridge, and by those who had charge of the osteological collections at the British Museum and elsewhere. The address closed with a reference to Prof. W. Spottiswoode, Lord Talbot de Malahide, and Prof. S. Nilsson (of the Academy of Lund), who had been removed by death from among the members of the Institute. the members of the Institute.

HISTORICAL.—Jan. 17.—Mr. J. Heywood, V.P., in the chair.—Messrs. C. A. Fyffe, J. Gannou, H. Hall, C. J. Stone, J. Taylor, and R. Walker were elected Fellows.—Dr. J. F. Palmer read a paper 'On the Saxon Invasion: its Influence on our Race and History,' in which he tried to show that the mingled races found in this country by the Saxons were greatly advanced in civilization and possessed both courage and activity; that Vortigern and Arthur were probably real characters, but that one has been credited with all the vices and the other with all the virtues of the race to which they both belonged. By the analogy of other nations, by our stature, and by the shape of our skulls, we can see that the earlier races were not exterminated, but still form a large proportion of the population. The influences of the two races (Briton and Saxon) may also be traced in our mental and moral qualities. From the Saxon we derive our business capacity From the Saxon we derive our business capacity and scientific talents, our utilitarianism, the more practical aspects of our religion, and our drunkenpractical aspects of our religion, and our dunken-ness; from the Briton the more emotional aspects of our religion, our poetical inspiration, our men-dacity, and our licentiousness.—The Rev. R. Thornton read a paper 'On the Language and Literature of the English before the Conquest, and the Effect on them of the Norman Invasion.'

PHYSICAL.—Jan. 26.—Prof. Clifton in the chair.—Yung Free, Secretary of the Chinese Legation, was elected a Member.—The President announced that Lady Siemens had presented a portion of the late Sir W. Siemens sibrary to the Society.—Profs. Ayrton and Perry then exhibited a series of ammeters and voltmeters, in which the current and electromotive force are given in amperes and volts on the scale; also a new key.—Dr. C. R. A. Wright read a paper 'On the Electromotive Force set up by Interdiffusion of Solutions.'

ARISTOTELIAN.—Jan. 21.—Mr. S. H. Hodgson, President, in the chair.—The Rev. A. W. Wheeler, Mr. W. R. Browne, and Mr. W. S. Beeton were elected Members.—The Society commenced the study of Hume's 'Treatise of Human Nature,' Mr. H. W. Carr introducing the discussion of Part I., 'On the Origin of Ideas, &c.'

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK,

London Institution, 5.—'The Storm-cloud of the Nineteenth Century,' Frof Ruskin. Royal Institution, 5.—'General Monthly. Musical Association, 5.—'On Form,' Mr. F. Praeger. Victoria Institute, 8.—'Neubendezzar, King of Rabylon, on recently discovered Inscriptions of this King,' Mr. E. A. Budge.

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Society of Arts, 8.—'Recent Improvements in Photo-Mechanical Printing Methods, 'Lecture II. Mr. T. Bolas (Cantor Lecture). Aristotelian, 8.—'Hume's "Treatise of Human Nature," Part II., Of the Ideas of Space and Time, Mr. W. Cockburr. Soyal Institution, 3.—'Scenery of the British Isles,' Prof. A. Gelkie.

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Bower: 'Monograph of recent Ephemerican, Fart II. Rev. A. E. Eaton; 'Compound Vision of Insects, Mr. B. T. Lowne; 'Cyperaces of West Africa, Mr. H. N. Ridley, 'European and North Adiantic Crustacea, 'Rev. A. M. Norman.

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Chemical, 8.—'Influence of the Temperature of Distillation on the Composition of Collagas, 'Mr. L. T. Wright; 'Researches on Secondary and Terriary Aso-Compounds,' No. II., Mr. B.

Abiliquaries, Sa.—'Remarks on a Deed of Gift to the Besthren

Science Cossip.

PROF. W. KITCHEN PARKER commences on Monday, February 4th, at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, his course of nine lectures 'On the Development of the Mammalia,' to be continued each succeeding Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 3 o'clock. It is not so generally known as could be wished that this expectation country interesting course in the state of the state that this extremely interesting course, given by one of the chief living authorities on this subject, is open to the general public, ladies included.

The general monthly meeting of the members of the Royal Institution of Great Britain will be held on February 4th, for the nomination and election of members and the election of a manager in the room of the late Sir William

Siemens, F.R.S.

The discussion of Mr. Conder's paper on 'Speed on Canals,' on the 5th inst., at the Institution of Civil Engineers, will be illustrated by large sized diagrams of the Suez Canal, showing the cross section authorized by the firman of the Porte, as applicable to "la grande navigation"; the cross section as actually con-structed, which is of about half the authorized structed, which is of about har the authorized size; and the cross sections which, on a true hydraulic theory, would provide for any probable traffic. The rates of speed attained, not only on the Suez Canal, but on the canals and rivers of the world, have also been tabulated for the occa sion; and drawings and details of all the canal locks in England, with statements of the time consumed in passing locks, hydraulic lifts, and hydraulic inclined planes, will also be brought before the Institution on this occasion. A large gathering is anticipated.

DR. CARTER MOFFAT has delivered four lectures on 'Artificial Italianized Air.' He states that after a long series of experiments he is led to believe that the Italian air gives beauty of tone to the voice, and that this is due to the presence of peroxide of hydrogen and free ammonia in a larger degree in the atmosphere of Italy than elsewhere. Dr. Moffat has constructed an instrument which he calls the "ammoniaphone," which contains in some absorbent matter the peroxide of hydrogen and ammonia. By breathing through this instrument the power of the voice is said to be greatly increased.

Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell, F.R.S., has been elected President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, in place of the retiring President, Mr. Percy G. Westmacott.

PROF. SYLVESTER has been elected a Foreign Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences of The American Science regrets his departure from America, and is grieved that "no American college has conferred an honorary degree upon him during his residence in this

Mr. Lockver is to lecture next Thursday at the London Institution on 'The Eruption of Krakatoa and its Results' instead of on eclipses.

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Maya period, has been discovered in Mexico. It is described as surpassing in height the pyramid of Cheops. The structure is faced with granite, and a path winds round it from the base to the apex. East of the pyramid is a tumulus of equal elevation divided into compartments, which, it is inferred from the number of domestic utensils found in them, served as habitations.

THE French traveller M. Joseph Martène, who has been exploring the region between the Lena and the Amoor, is expected in St. Peters-burg towards the end of February.

THE natives of the Chiloe Islands make use of a curious natural barometer, to which, from its having been first noticed by the captain of an Italian corvette, the name "Barometro Araucano" has been given. This novel weather guide was described, at a recent meeting of the Linnean Society of New South Wales, as the shell of a crab, one of the Anomura, probably of the genus Lithodes. It is peculiarly sensitive to atmospheric changes, is nearly white in dry weather, but exhibits small red spots on the approach of moisture, and becomes completely red in the rainy season.

At the Perthshire Natural History Museum, Perth, on the 9th inst., a meeting of delegates from the various scientific societies in the east of Scotland will be held to consider the advantages which would result from a federation of these societies, to determine how it may best be carried out, to adopt a constitution, and to arrange for a first general meeting.

THE American papers say that Sir William Thomson has accepted an invitation to deliver a course of fifteen or twenty lectures at the Johns Hopkins University, beginning about the 1st of October, 1884.

THE Auk, says the New York Nation, is the name of the quarterly journal of ornithology which has taken the place of the Bulletin of the Nuttall Club as the organ of the American Ornithologists' Union.

M. L'ABBÉ MOIGNO is about to publish a new work, entitled 'Les Livres Saints et la Science, leur Accord Parfait.'

A 'TREATISE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY,' by Mr. Pattison Muir, is to be published by the Pitt Press.

FINE ARTS

ROYAL ACADEMY of ARTS. Burlington House.—The EXHIBITION of WORKS by the OLD MASTERS, and by Deceased Masters of the Birthis School, including a special selection from the Works of Faul Britishs and School, including a special selection from Movers of Faul Fallenner Poole, R.A., is NOW OPEX.—Admission, from Nine Ull Dauk, i.c., Catalogue, G.G., or bound in cloth, with pencil, i.s., Seanon Ticket, School

ROYAL SOCIETY of PAINTERS in WATER COLOURS.
The TWENTY-SECOND WINTER EXHIBITION is NOW OPEN.
6, Pali Mail East, from Ten till Five.—Admission. 1s.; Catalogue, 6d.
ALFRED D. FRIPP, Secretary.

THE GROSVENOR GALLERY.—WINTER EXHIBITION.—WINTER EXHIBITION of the GROSVENOR GALLERY is 2 OPEN from Ten to Six with a Collection of the Works of Sir Jo Reynolds, P.R.A.—Admission, 1s.; Season Tickets, 5s.

INSTITUTE of PAINTERS in OIL COLOURS, Piccadilly,—FIRST EXHIBITION NOW OPENED from 10 a m. to 6 r m. Galleries Illuminated on Dark Days and after 3 r m. every day.—Admission, 1s.; Illustrated Catalogue, 1s.

SIX YEARS in a HOUSE BOAT. By Keeley Halawelle.—The RXHIBITION of MIL KEELEY HALSWELLE'S series of PICTURES illustrative of Thames Scenery is NOW O'PEN at the OLD BOXISTICET GALLERIES, 39, Old Bond Street, W., from Ten to Five—Admission, Edwards of the Company of the Company

THE DRAWING-ROOM, EGYPTIAN HALL, Piccadilly.—EXHI-BITION of OIL PAINTINGS and WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS by HENRY COOK, of Reme. DAILY, from 10 till 7. The Gallery Illu-minated at 4.—Admission, 1s.

'THE VALE OF TEARS.'—DORE'S LAST GREAT PICTURE, completed a few days before he died, NOW ON VIEW at the Dorf Gallery, S, New Bond Street, with 'Christ leaving the Practorium,' 'Christ's Entry into Jerusalem,' 'The Dream of Pilate's Wife,' and his other great Pictures. From Ten to Six Dully—Admission, La

ROYAL ACADEMY .- WINTER EXHIBITION. (Third Notice.)

NEAR the Venetian portraits hang a group of fine and luminous Guardis, of which Lady Castletown's View in Venice (No. 175) is a charming specimen, far superior to the finest Canaletto, and precious on account of the

fulness and wide suffusion of warm, clear, yet soft light, which pervades the space the foot of the Campanile. The graded delicacy of the atmosphere could hardly be finer; its exquisite character is best shown in the sky behind the lofty square tower, which, although as solid as stone can be, rises from the tenderly graded pavement like a mass of pure grey, purple, ivory, and silvery tints, which, although they are not so effective, are even more fine in art than the rich green and silver of the copper dome of the church of the Salute on our right in Mr. Weston's Grand Canal, Venice (158), another brilliant and glowing Guardi, but of larger dimensions. The lustrous softness of the atmosphere, the beauty of the draughtsmanship

for, as these pictures show, Guardi was a much better draughtsman than Thomas Prout much better draughtsman than Thomas Prout—and the tenderly graduated tones and tints, prove the skill of the painter. Than No. 158 it would be hard to find a purer piece of architectural painting, or a lovelier picture of Venice in the middle of the last century. The clearness and purity of the shadows of the buildings have a pearl-like delicacy. We recommend for particular admiration the sumptuous View in Venice (179), the property of Lady Castleston, and the hardly infarior Scene near Castletown, and the hardly inferior Scene near Venice (183), which belongs to the Marquis of Lansdowne. The latter owns the View in Venice (182) and View in Venice (184), bearing the name of Canaletto, but really, we think, by Guardi. If so, the change of name was made-no uncommon act-in order to suit the demands of the market, which was somewhat ignorantly inclined to honour the weaker master, and so fine Guardis were attributed to the comparatively prosaic and heavy Canaletto. It is not so long since few Englishmen knew a Canaletto from a Guardi, and fewer still preferred the works of the latter rewer still preferred the works of the latter painter. In the last century, before Antonio Canaletto came to England, and while it was but dimly understood that there was more than one bearer of the name "Canal," no Englishman of wealth considered his Vene-tian tour complete until he had secured a Canaletto, whose work was farmed and mono-polized by Mr. Consul Smith; but nobody in this country heard of Guardi. Not twenty years ago even Wornum wrote that it was very "difficult to distinguish the works of the Canaletti the one from the other." At present little difficulty exists in that respect, and many can tell the works of "Il Canalettino" at sight. We noticed the most important examples of them lately while describing Lord Derby's pictures at Knowsley, where are two large pictures of the cliff-fortress of Königstein. The artist, who flourished mostly at Dresden, died in 1780, Canaletto in 1769, Guardi in 1793. Lady Ashburton's Portrait of Charles I. (187)

is a capital Van Dyck, of proved originality, and especially acceptable on account of the unwonted sweetness and pleasantness of the face, which smiles and is less cold and hard than ordinary. It is a much better picture than the same owner's Queen Henrietta Maria (194), in a white dress, a whole-length figure of the type frequently seen. In the Portrait of a Lady (188), by Sir A. More, the face has been sadly repainted. The dress and figure, including the quaint horned cap, of true German fashion, embroidered with gold, the heavy ornaments of dark gold, and especially the long, tube-like fingers and boneless backs of the hands,

are noteworthy elements of a capital picture.

Apropos of Lady Ashburton's portrait of Charles I., we may notice a curious con-nexion between Van Dyck and his best successor, Reynolds. Reynolds told Northnexion between Van Dyck and his best successor, Reynolds. Reynolds told North-cote that Jonathan Richardson said that he had painted a very old lady, "who, in conversation at the time of her sitting to him, happened to mention that when she was a girl of about sixteen years of age, she sat to Van Dyck for her portrait." Richardson was born in 1665, twenty-four years after Van Dyck

died; therefore, supposing he took the old lady's likeness in 1690, there is no difficulty in bridging the space of time. Richardson died in 1745, and Reynolds must have met him at Hudson's. Richardson's sitter added some interesting information about the pictures of Van Dyck, "which she said in his gallery appeared to have a white and raw look, in comparison with the mellow and rich hue which we now see in them, and which time alone must have given to them, adding much to their excellence." The reader will remember that the old lady saw Van Dyck's pictures some two hundred and fifty years ago. How much have they changed since then? We noticed the other day, when speak-ing of the portraits of the Ladies Waldegrave, No. 27 at the Grosvenor Exhibition, which belonged to Horace Walpole, that the owner wrote to Mason just a century since that the faces of his fair nieces "are only red and white." These carnations are now very far from being deficient in grey, golden tinges and warm hues.

Northcote himself says that the Sir Joshuas he saw on first coming to London in 1771 seemed to him "raw, crude, and fresh"! These were, of course, the pictures lately on the easel, such as Sir John Cust's portrait (Grosvenor Exhibition, No. 38), "Hope nursing Love" (18), now in Gallery I. at Burlington House, 'Lady Almeria Carpenter' (43), in the same room, and Miss Aufrere, 'Mrs. Pelham,' which is at the Grosvenor, No. 9. 'Lady Ancrum' (Grosvenor, 129) was on the easel when Northcote was put in possession of that little room adjoining the studio of his master. Could he have seen this picture when it looked Northcote himself says that the Sir Joshuas Could he have seen this picture when it looked raw? On the other hand (and yet it confirms raw? On the other hand (and yet it confirms the spirit of the above remarks), we remember that Walpole wrote in his catalogue of the 'Cymon and Iphigenia' (Grosvenor Exhibition, 160) that this now fervid and sumptuous piece was "glaring." Fortunately this picture, having escaped destruction owing to the refusal of Sequier to "clean" it for George IV., is what time has made of it. Therefore we can judge of

what, ninety-six years ago, Walpole called glaring.
A courteous note from Col. F. Grant tells
us that his father, the late P.R.A., painted
a lady who had sat to Sir Joshua. This is fact less extraordinary than at first glance it might seem. Probably the last survivor but one of Reynolds's sitters was the Earl of Westmorland, who died in October, 1859, having as Lord Burghersh, sat to Reynolds in February, 1787, when he was just three years old, for Lord Jersey's charming picture at Middleton Park, which Bartolozzi engraved very prettily. The picture was exhibited in 1787 as 'Portrait

of a Child,' No. 146.

The last survivor was the Hon. Leicester Stanhope, who sat in September, 1788. picture was engraved as a child with a drum, and, as the fifth Earl of Harrington, he survived till September, 1862. The roguish boy who in 1787 sat for 'Robin Goodfellow,' which belongs to Lord Fitzwilliam, is indeed said to have been living in 1865. But this has not been clearly proved; and, besides, the picture is not a portrait.

After this excursion into the history and condition of the pictures before us it is time to return to the Van Dyck from which we started, and say that No. 187, Charles I., shows more than a usual proportion of the master's own handiwork. It is always desirable to remember that very considerable portions of large pictures such as this are generally the of assistants, and that even the small brilliant sketches, to which we referred last week when speaking of Rubens's ceiling, No. 150, are not certainly autographs of the master himself. Northcote told a curious story of the making of sketches from Reynoldses by one Powell, who was "much employed in copying Sir Joshua's pictures in a small size in oil colours," and did so with such success that the P.R.A. himself on one important occasion preferred the reduced copy to the large original, and actually altered the latter to suit the former! About fifty years ago, as his son kindly informs us, Sir Francis Grant "bought at Leamington six or seven sketches in oils, designs for large pictures, by Sir Joshua, for 5l. apiece." Col. Grant possesses one of them, a design for the portrait of the Duke of York. Several chalk and pencil sketches, evidently made for portraits to be, are now at the Grosvenor Exhibition.

The first-rate Murillo close to No. 188 is the well-known life-size whole length portrait of Don Justino Francesco Neve (190) seated at a table, with a timepiece at his side, and a little dog, of excellent design, at his feet. Cean Bermudez says that Murillo painted this fine work in 1678, and gave it to his friend and executor, in whose arms he died. It remained in the Refectory of the Hospital de los Venerables at Seville, of which institution Don Justino was the Superior, until the beginning of the present century, when it was brought to England by a Frenchman, who sold it to Mr. Watson Taylor, at whose sale in 1823 it was bought by the then Lord Lansdowne for 955. 10s.—a very small price for so fine a work, with a complete and veritable history attached to it. Another excellent, indeed charming Murillo, called St. John the and Lamb (164), has been lent from the National Gallery of Ireland. It represents a pretty, rather elfish Spanish infant seated on the ground The flesh is very bright, soundly in a landscape. modelled, and silvery. It is one of the prettiest designs of the "Keepsake" class, and seems to be in perfect preservation. The Penitent Mag-dalen (169), the property of Mr. Beaumont, is another unusually excellent Murillo, remarkable for its pure silvery flesh tones and freedom from dirt in the carnations. It refers to Titian with more than common directness and success. The Portrait of Eleanor, Lady Byron (181), in the character of St. Catherine—a fluttering, restless piece of design, remarkable for the voluptuous and brilliant carnations, the sumptuous colouring, and the generally ornate taste—is one of the best Lelys that we know. Just beyond the last hangs a good but rather small example of Del Sarto's soft, much-fused mode of painting, said to represent himself when young, a designa-tion which does not agree with the fully developed style of the technique. It is, at any rate, an admirable picture and quite genuine.

In Gallery IV. are a few pictures which belong to the group we are considering. The first of these is the *Head of a Young Man* (234), by an unnamed painter, a member of the twelve busts under arches, Nos. 234-6, 240-2, 248-50, and 253-5. The whole form a frieze of peculiarly beautiful heads in profile, with various headdresses, and all belong to Mr. Willett. They were discovered under much whitewash in the Gonzaga Palace of San Martino, near Mantua. The Renaissance spirit, with its audacious freakishness and elfish beauty, gives to these wrecked pictures an extraordinary charm that amounts to witchery, and is due to the luxury of the young faces, the astute-ness and vitality of all of them. The Marquis ness and vitality of all of them. The Marquis of Lansdowne's P. F. Mola, called A Holy Family (259), is an excellent example of a host of pictures of the same kind, ascribed to the same hand and once extraordinarily popular. This pretty landscape with figures is the most solidly and carefully executed of its kind. The Portrait of a Man (261) and Portrait of a Lady (268) are attributed to Masaccio, but unquestionably belong to Ghirlandajo, whose mode of art and peculiar taste they, for cabinet pictures, adequately represent. They are extremely interesting illustrations of early Italian portraiture. They belong to Mr. Drury Lowe. To Mr. W. Graham belongs a Virgin and Child (265) which bears the name of Luini. The adult face conforms to the type of the master's choice, and has a strong resemblance to a famous picture in the Louvre. There is much rough repainting

on the faces. The Crucificion (271) is signed with the name of G. F. Charotto. It consists of small figures of very fine design; the colouring is rich, powerful, and harmonious, and the work is most expressive. The figure of the youthful John, standing and seeming to address the Saviour on the Cross, is very noble and beautiful. The Portrait of a Young Man (280), with long black hair and a lace collar falling on a yellow doublet, belongs to the Marquis of Lansdowne. It was exhibited at Kensington some years ago as a portrait of Prince Rupert and a Jan Steen. It still bears the latter name, but has no better claim to be a Jan Steen than to represent Prince Rupert. It is, nevertheless, a very important piece of firstrate Dutch portraiture, of high technical value, in excellent condition, and very interesting on all accounts.

The colour is neither changed nor faded, nor are there any cracks, in Terburg's two small whole-length portraits which Mr. Massey small whole-length portraits which Mr. Massey Mainwaring has lent. They are, except a little delicate reviving here and there, quite genuine throughout. One is the Portrait of a Man (60), a Dutch gentleman of scholarly aspect, dressed in black, with a wide white collar. This work is pencilled like a miniature, with the most exquisite firmness and finesse. The man has a highly intelligent, almost handsome, and pure face, with a very gentle expression, delightfully rendered by the sympathetic painter, who laboured the likeness with exemplary care, from the parting of the long tresses of fine, pale brown hair which enclose the even-tinted visage to the dot-like lights which reveal the sewing on the edges of shoes. The texture and local colour of the black silk costume could not be more solid. Even the hardness of the surface and the apparent stiffness of the air of the man disappear when we search the figure with the care its technical merits demand. Attentive examination reveals in the seeming formality of the picture a real simplicity of design, and there is no constraint about the portrait, only the triumph of exceed-No part is without its charm; even ing care. the purple velvet table-cloth and chair-cover of the same material and tint, flat and dull as they seem at first glance, are perfect marvels of execu-The sweet and refined expression of the soft eyes with their exquisitely modelled lights and shadows is most fascinating. a Lady (67) has equal technical merit, and probably represents the sister of the studious-looking gentleman. Notice the perfection of the drawing in a large style, though on a very small scale, of the lady's white and tapering arms and hands; her thin ringlets, her jewellery, and the gauze veil on her head are labour. The table and chair are the same in both pictures, and were probably Terburg's "properties." They occur in similar portraits by him, and may be associated with the highly interesting sitters' chair of Sir Joshua Reynolds to which we lately called attention. furniture is very curious, and so are the winecooler of jaune antique mounted in bronze and the bottles immersed in it. If these pictures are exquisite instances of skill and insight in portraiture, the Queen's Terburg from Buckingham Palace, called The Letter, and numbered 122, is even more precious, because to greater softness, richer technique, less primitive motives, and complex chiaroscuro and light and shade are added ironic humour and spirited characterization. The picture shows a lady perusing a letter, while another lady attentively watches her looks. The dropped jaw and raised eyebrows of the reader indicate at once surprise and dismay, while her companion's looks attest a little amusement and some triumph. The face of the page, who carries a salver, is not less marked by subtle humour and adroit sense of fun. The observant pair study the features of their neighbour with almost equal interest, but with very different motives. The

drawing and modelling of the faces are most admirable, and show the master at his very best. The reader's white satia skirt, although its flattened folds and lack of movement betray the use of the manikin for a long time, is a masterpiece of unflinching delineation. The searching modelling and marvellous finish of the light and shade and their effects on the local colour of the fabric are like sculptor's work. The diffusion and exquisite sfumato of the complex lights, shades, and tints of the head of this figure remind us of Ver Meer. This picture is in perfect preservation, but it has darkened more than is usual with Terburg. It belonged to the Geldermeister Collection, and was bought by Sir F. Baring in 1800 for 450l (Smith, 29).

The Van der Heyde, Ruins and Canal (62), which hangs between Terburg's portraits, is a first-rate example of the painter's favourite subject. A similar work was here a year or two ago, equal to the present in all respects but preservation. This picture is signed. The Marquis of Lansdowne has lent his fascinating Lady and Cavalier (63), by F. van Mieris, which shows, through one of the arched architectural openings this painter, like Dou and Slingelandt, affected, a lady lounging in a chair. Her large, plump, and white shoulders are turned towards us, while she reads a letter to an elderly man, who listens carefully and with an expression of much interest. The very poise of her tortoise-like head and neck, the position of her fat white arms, and the look of the man attest the tact of the designer, who put them before us thus engrossed in their business. With exquisite skill and prodigious attention, he has delineated every morsel of his subject, from the Titian-like sumptuosity of the lady's puce velvet gown, every fold of which has been worked unflinchingly, to the ivory-like contours of her flesh. Her dead-leaf velvet jacket is like fine ivory carved and stained to perfection. The brilliancy, vigorous illumination, and wealth of massed colour here it would be hard to overpraise. This is one of the finest of Mieris's productions; the 'Girl feeding a Parrot' of the latey is not nearly so fine.

Close to Lord Lansdowne's picture hangs a capital Eeckhout, lent by Mr. H. de Zoete, and representing, in a weak Rembrandtish fashion, Christ in the Temple (65). Eeckhout, the most faithful follower of an illustrious master, did his best to reproduce that phase of art made celebrated by 'The Woman taken in Adultery' of the Angerstein Collection, which is dated 1644. The weak design of No. 65, to say nothing of some lack of what must be called luminosity in the shadows, may be instructive to those who see a Rembrandt in every picture of this kind. Eeckhout had his merits, but poetic insight and invention were not among them. An excess of sfumato, of a boneless sort, betrays his lack of fibre. We have already referred to the fine Portrait of a Young Man (119), which illustrates the master's characteristic amplitude of impasto at a comparatively late period of his life.

These notes on the Rembrandts before us must include the hard and polished Portrait of a Man-at-Arms (128), as well as the far more interesting Portrait of a Lady (106) from Lansdowne House (Smith, 503), which was bought from Lord Wharncliffe's collection. The latter is a picture on which the student, not less than the amateur, looks with absolute satisfaction. It has all the charms of a wonderful illumination, very sound and unobtrusive finish, solidity and rich colour, marvellous drawing and modelling. The lady stands before us, speaking with animation and rapidity, as though she had risen to make a protest, with a half-smile, which is not without a touch of bitterness, seeming to repudiate the imputation of a friend's error. One hand is drawn up before her waist, the fingers being partly clutched and partly pointing in her haste to speak, while,

leaning the knuckles of the other hand on a table at her side, she stoops a little forward and tells us what she has to say. The face, cap, and wide white ruff are seen in a golden light, the clear shadows of which receive abundant reflections, and are remarkable for exquisite mastery, the most searching finish, and absolute solidity. Apart from their expressiveness, the draughtsmanship of the mouth and chin is marvellous even for Rembrandt, in the days when his unfaltering hand and eye, insatiable of details, and his magical sense of breadth and luminosity, were unimpaired by time and trouble. Having studied the mouth and the hardly less wonderful eyes, let the observer turn first to the painting of the coif-like cap and ruff, and secondly to the left hand, which is folded at the knuckles and resting hard upon the table. Having studied these, let him exhaust, if he can, the lighting, shading, drawing, modelling, and finish, all combined in that hand. This portion alone forms a perfect picture. Had Rembrandt left us nothing more the world could not but have recognized in him one of the greatest masters of his art. For more reasons than one this left hand may be compared with Rubens's Hand holding an Empty Purse (286), which is connected with a legend that the artist sent it as a hint demanding payment from one who owed him money.

NOTES FROM ROME,

The worship of Hestia was imported into Rome from Alba, "Alba oriundum Sacerdotium." In those remote ages, prehistoric or traditional as we may call them, fire was not reasily procured at a moment's notice. The friction of two dry sticks of wood was the system commonly used, whenever sparks could not be obtained from silex. Each village, consequently, kept a focus publicus, a common fire, in a hut placed as near as possible to the centre of the inhabited district. In the early days of young Rome each curia had its focus publicus. Numa Pompilius, the religious organizer of his country, did not abolish the foci curiarum, but established a central one in a round straw hut, built on the borders of the Velabrum between the Palatine and the Capitol, which borders were already used as a forum or public market. Such is the simple matter-of-fact origin of one of the most famous shrines of ancient Rome.

The care of watching the fire was entrusted, according to the Alban system, to four virgins. Servius Tullius raised their number to six, and this number was kept unchanged until the beginning of the fourth century of the Christian era, when it was increased to seven, we know not by whom and for what reason.

The sisterhood was under the patria potestas of the pontifex maximus, but the direct management of the Atrium Vestre and of its fair inhabitants was entrusted to the oldest virgin, hence called virgo Vestalis maxima. She enjoyed a position equal, if not superior in consideration, to that of the empress herself. Secrets and documents of state and wills of emperors were confided to her; in revolutionary outbursts, or in time of civil wars, Vestals were resorted to, as the last hope, to restore peace; and in this capacity of peace-makers they were chosen by Caesar in his quarrel with Sulla, by Vitellius in his fight with Vespasian, by Messalina, by Didius Julianus, and so forth.

The virgins being received in the priesthood when under ten years of age, it was possible for them to become maxima when still young. But, as the vitality of nuns in general is very strong, and as few of them left the Atrium after the legal term of thirty years of service, the Vestalis maxima, as a rule, coupled with the dignity of her high position the dignity of old age. Junia Silana became a maxima after seventy-four years of service; Terentia Flavola after more than forty. We know from Tacitus

that Occia, the predecessor of Torquata, had ruled the convent for fifty-seven years.

When the excavations began in October last, I was in hope of discovering some kind of fasti which would tell us the names of the vestal virgins, the dates of their co-optation and death, and, above all, the list of the abbesses of the monastery. The expectation was disappointed; not a particle of such document has been found; and when we consider that amongst the forty thousand inscriptions discovered in Rome since the early Renaissance there is not a line, not a fragment, which can be attributed to the abovenamed fasti, we may confidently assert that they never existed. It is difficult to explain why they never existed. The parallel religious cor-porations of the Fratres Arvales, of the Salii Palatini, of the Augurs, took care that the fasti of their order, year after year, should be engraved in marble; and these marbles, more or less injured by time, have come down to us, and they are considered as the most precious documents of Latin epigraphy and chronology. Perhaps it was not customary that female cor-porations should have special annals; perhaps these annals were only permitted to true these annals were only permitted to true collegia, and the Vestals, like the Curiones, were not considered as such. At any rate, the want fasti is compensated for, as regards the Atrium, by the magnificent set of pedestals, with statues and eulogistic inscriptions, raised in honour of the *Vestales maxima*. The fashion of these dedications seems to have come in with the empire, and was kept until the fall of the pagan superstition. The Atrium Vestæ must have contained more than one hundred honorary pedestals, not because there were as many abbesses during the last four cen-turies of Vesta's worship, but because many statues represented and many pedestals named the same lady. The stone-cutters and the lime-burners of the Middle Ages have destroyed more than four-fifths of this magnificent series. We possess actually the originals or the copies of thirtysix inscriptions only bearing names of Vestales maxima; of these twenty-eight were found in the Atrium itself, two on the Palatine, six in various other quarters of the town. Comparing the information given by these marbles with the accounts of classical writers, I have succeeded in restoring important portions of the fasti maximatus (the word maximatus has appeared for the first time in one of the new inscriptions). Let us hope that the gaps in the chronology of my list of names may be filled by future finds.

1. Occia. Tacitus, Ann., ii. 86. She presided over the sisterhood from the year 38 before Christ to 19 A.D.

2. Junia Torquata, daughter of Silanus, the noblest of the noble Roman ladies; maxima between A.D. 19 and 48.

3. Vibidia, the generous protector of Messalina when the long story of her infamies was disclosed to Claudius. Tacit., Ann., xi. 32.

4. Cornelia Maxima, murdered by Domitian.

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5. Prætextata. Her name appeared for the first time on a pedestal discovered December 29th: "Prætextatæ Crassi Filiæ Virgini Vestali Maximæ, C. Iulius Creticus a Sacris." Her mother, "Sulpicia Crassi uxor," is mentioned by Tacitus, Hist., iv. 42.

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6. Numisia Maximilla, A.D. 200. Two pedestals mention her name, one discovered three centuries ago, one discovered on December 29th: "Numisiae Maximillae V.V. Maximæ, C. Helvidius Mysticus devotus beneficiis eius."

7. Terentia Flavola, A.D. 215, whose name is engraved on four pedestals, was the great-grand-daughter of Lollianus Avitus, Consul A.D. 114; the granddaughter of L. Hedius Rufus Lollianus Avitus, Consul A.D. 144; the daughter of Q. Hedius Rufus Lollianus Gentianus, Salius Palatinus and Consul of uncertain date. She had, moreover, two brothers, Lollianus Plautius Avitus, husband of Claudia Sestia Cocceia

Severiana, and Terentius Gentianus, husband of Pomponia Pætina.

8. Campia Severina, A.D. 240. 9. Flavia Mamilia, A.D. 242.

10. Flavia Publicia, A.D. 247. This lady was undoubtedly the most famous and venerable chief of the order. Her eulogies and her pedestals have been a plague to the discoverers of the Atrium. Not a week has elapsed since the beginning of our works without bringing to light some recollections of this priestess. Judging from the looks of the exquisite statue discovered, together with one of her pedestals, on December 20th, Flavia Publicia was a lady of tall, queenly appearance, of noble demeanour, of a sweet and gentle, if not handsome face. Seven pedestals have already been found—one in 1497, one in 1549, five in our own excavations. Of these recent ones the first was dedicated on July 11th, A.D. 247, by her niece Æmilia Rogatilla, and by Minucius Honoratus, son of Æmilia; the second by two captains of the army, Ulpius Verus and Aurelius Titus; the third was dedicated on September 30th, A.D. 257, by a certain Bareius Zoticus, with his wife Flavia Verecunda; the fourth by a M. Aurelius Hermes; the last by T. Flavis Apronius, a sub-intendant of the monastery.

11. Coolia Claudiana, A.D. 286. This abbess was already known from five inscriptions discovered at various times. The two others lately found tell nothing remarkable, except that she is said to have ruled over twenty years.

12. Terentia Rufilla, A.D. 300.

13. On the 5th of November a pedestal was discovered bearing the following inscription:

"Ob meritum castitatis, pudicitie, atque in sacris religionibusque doctrinæ mirabilis......
[name erased] virgini Vestali maximæ, Pontifices viri clarissimi, pro magistro Macrinio Sossiano viro clarissimo, pro meritis." Then follows the date of June 9th, A.D. 364:

"dedicata quinto idus Iunias, divo Ioviano et Varroniano consulibus." Now, why should the name of this highly praised priestess have been erased? Two reasons only can be given: either she happened to forget the vows of chastity, or she was converted to Christianity. The first explanation does not seem satisfactory, not only because she was most probably a mature, if not an old woman, when the crime and the memoriæ damnatio took place, but also because the fall of a vestal would certainly have been noticed and registered and proclaimed to the four winds by contemporary Christian writers. Conversion to the Gospel seems more probable; one of these conquests of the new faith in Vesta's Atrium is actually mentioned by Prudentius, Peristeph., hymn 2.

14. Ceelia Concordia, the last Vestalis maxima, or the last but one. She was a great friend of the famous champion of polytheism, Vettius Agorius Prætextatus. Some of her exploits have been revealed by the discovery of a pedestal in the house of Prætextatus himself, which house stood where is now the palace of Prince Triggiano, at the corner of the Via Merulana and the Sette Sale. Ceelia Concordia had raised a statue in honour of Prætextatus in the Atrium itself; she received the same distinction in the house of that nobleman. The statue of Prætextatus was discovered in the Atrium the last day of 1883.

RODOLFO LANCIANI.

fine-Art Cossip.

THE Long or Turner Room in the National Gallery is at present closed, and the pictures by Turner which are to be retained in the room are being rearranged. We are certainly of opinion that Turner will be more highly appreciated when his unfinished and hasty works are removed to the lower rooms of the National Gallery and his best pictures rehung, with sufficient spaces between them. The students will still be able to see all they want within the building, and nine-tenths of

the public will learn how great were the master's achievements at his best.

An addition of some interest, although of no great beauty, has been made to the Grosvenor Exhibition of Reynolds's pictures. This is Sir Joshua's likeness of 'Mrs. Fitz-Herbert,' No. 209 of the Catalogue, which states that it is a loan from Mr. Seymour Dawson Damer, and was painted in 1786-8. It is in very good condition.

Ir may interest those who are fond of figures to know that the Royal Academy Winter Exhibitions have contained pictures by Sir Joshua Reynolds as follows, in successive years since 1870, severally, 8, 21, 16, 23, 0, 25, 30, 21, 11, 17, 17, 15, 24, and 22. At present, 25 Sir Joshuas are in Burlington House. The total is 275 examples, of which those now collected are, thanks to the Marquis of Lansdowne, by far the best.

At the Burlington Club there is to be seen a considerable and interesting collection of sketches, studies, and finished drawings in water colours, by R. Hills, a founder-member and for many years secretary of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, who was born in 1769 and died in 1844. He produced a vast number of works of the class now in question, the whole of which belong to Mr. George Smith "of Liels Street."

AT a general assembly of the members of the Royal Academy, held on Wednesday evening, Mr. Colin Hunter, painter, was elected an Associate.

WE deeply regret to hear that Mr. John Henry Parker, the well-known antiquary and archæologist, died at the Turl, Oxford, on Thursday morning.

Some members of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, as we mentioned lately, are attempting to give a social character to the body. A similar movement has stirred the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, and, partly with this object and partly in order to augment the funds of their free schools of art, it has been resolved to hold an artists' costume ball in the magnificent Prince's Hall of the new buildings in Piccadilly. This entertainment will be opened with a procession illustrating the different epochs of art by ladies and gentlemen dressed in character and arranged in several groups. Vouchers of members of the Institute will be required.

THE sale of the remaining works of M. E. Manet will occur at the Hôtel Drouot on the 4th and 5th inst., at 2 o'clock. The private view is appointed for to-day (Saturday), the "exposition publique" for to-morrow (Sunday).

Mr. Maurice B. Adams is bringing out a portfolio of drawings illustrating twenty-four "artists' homes," including the houses of Sir Frederic Leighton, the late Mr. Street, Mr. Norman Shaw, the late Mr. W. Burges, Mr. Frank Holl, Mr. Watts, and several other artists. Descriptive letterpress accompanies the plates, of which there are thirty of folio size. Mr. Batsford is the publisher.

THE exhibition of the works of M. Manet having been closed, the authorities of the École des Beaux-Arts are making arrangements to devote the large hall on the Quai Malaquais to a collection of modern drawings ("dessins du siècle"), which have been sent from all the corners of France. The principal masters of the French school of this period will be richly represented.

THE obituary of this week records the death of M. A. A. Dumont, the son of an able sculptor, his father's pupil and a student in the École des Beaux-Arts, who resided at Rome for a considerable period. He was the designer of the statue of Liberty on the summit of the column of the Place de la Bastille, Paris, of the Napoleon on the column in the Place Vendôme, and of other works in the Louvre and elsewhere. He was born in Paris, 1802, won the Prix de Rome 1823, a first-class

medal in 1831, the Legion in 1830, became a Member of the Institute in 1838, a Grand Officer of the Legion in 1855, received a grand medal of honour in the last-named year, and was appointed a Commander of the Legion in 1870.

THE following prices, in francs, were on the 20th ult. realized at the Hôtel Drouot for pictures belonging to the Collection du Docteur Court: Corot, Vaches dans une Mare, Soleil Couchant, 4,500. Daubigny, Bords de l'Oise, 4,000; Ville au Bord d'un Fleuve, 5,100. Jules Dupré, L'Orage, 7,150; La Mare, 5,200. Isabey, Visite au Château, 1866, 6,700. Van Marcke, Vache dans un Prairie, 9,500.

MUSIC

PRODUCTION OF 'COLOMBA' AT HAMBURG.

English musicians cannot fail to note with the greatest satisfaction that German opera managers and concert-givers are becoming alive to the importance of Great Britain as a centre of creative art. Only a few weeks ago the successful production of Mr. Goring Thomas's opera 'Esmeralda' at Cologne was chronicled in the Athenœum; last Sunday evening Mr. Mackenzie's 'Colomba' was given at Hamburg, amid circumstances that seemed to indicate the permanent acceptance of the work; and in the latter place, at the end of March, Mr. Villiers Stanford's new opera 'Savonarola' is to see the light. This gratifying condition of things is, of course, partly due to the great ability of our younger composers, but it also springs in some measure from the lack of such ability in the Fatherland itself. As a German musician observed on Sunday, Wagner strides like a Colossus over the land, and native composers have not the power or, at any rate, the courage to meet him in the field of serious opera. There is, consequently, a better chance than, perhaps, ever before existed for England to assert its musical influence, and so far there is ample cause for congratulation, the results already achieved being by no means inconsiderable.

being by no means inconsiderable. Without disparaging previous workers in the field of English opera, it may be said without fear of contradiction that Mr. Mackenzie has made a new departure in 'Colomba,' and the best qualities of the work are precisely those which should commend it to the sympathies of German amateurs. The score bears throughout the impress of earnest musicianship, and a skil-ful use of every modern device without slavish imitation of any one composer's method or mannerisms. It is, therefore, comparatively safe to predict its ultimate acceptance in the leading foreign opera-houses in spite of any disadvantageous circumstances, and such were not wanting, at the Hamburg representation last Sunday. First-night expressions of approval are sometimes illusory, but even compliments are not without their value, and the presence of the composer would have imparted a warmth to the proceedings which nothing else could give. Unfortunately, Mr. Mackenzie was too absorbed in the composition of his oratorio for the approaching Norwich Festival to take a journey to North Germany, and 'Colomba' had to stand or fall entirely on its own merits and those of the performance. In considering the latter the only standard of comparison available is that of the Drury Lane rendering last Easter, and in most respects the advantage is all on the side of the original presentation. Either Herr Pollini did not utilize the full resources of his establishment, or these are on the whole inferior to those of other German theatres. Praise, however, should be given where it is due, and Frau Sucher must be accorded hearty commendation for her extremely earnest and artistic impersonation of the Corsican heroine. If her singing lacked purity of intonation, and showed that

frequent repetition of the most arduous rôles had somewhat impaired her natural powers, her acting was throughout instinct with intelligence and even power. There is no pretence for asserting that the star system is in vogue at Hamburg, but no other member of the cast compare with Frau Sucher in individual achievement, though the ensemble was on the whole satisfactory. The Orso was Herr Wolff, who, it may be remembered, took subsidiary parts in the German season at Drury Lane in 1882. His voice is powerful and tolerably good in quality, but he is an indifferent actor. For a similar reason Frau Brandt Goertz failed to give full effect to the music of Lydia, especially in the impetuous love duet in the fourth act. The re-presentatives of Chilina, Barracini, and Savelli were efficient, but the last-named character was rendered insignificant by large excisions in his music, and arbitrary cuts were made in other parts of the score, notably in the opening chorus and the finale of the third act. On the other hand, the composer has strengthened the opening of the second act by rewriting Colomba's soliloquy, where beforehand a sense of weakness was apparent. Herr Sucher conducted the performance with the utmost care, and it went with commendable smoothness, proving that on his part no pains had been spared to render justice to the English work. The mounting, however, was indifferent, and the obviously favourable impression made by 'Colomba' owed nothing to the scenic accessories. Those who are accustomed to the deceptive applause and excitement at first performances in London might have imagined that the Hamburg audience was cold and un-sympathetic. But noisy interruptions of a serious musical work are not the best test of appreciation, and there was plenty of enthusiasm at the end of each act, particularly at the close, when the curtain had to be raised no less than seven times. It only remains to be mentioned that the German version of the libretto is highly praised by those best qualified to form an opinion on the subject. It is from the pen of Herr Frank, Hof-Capellmeister at Hanover, where the opera will probably be given in the course of a few months.

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Musical Cossip.

Messrs. Griffith & Farran have in preparation a volume by Madame Viard Louis, entitled 'Music and the Piano,' in which her aim has been to point out that the music of the piano is the expression of an idea and not merely an ingenious method of displaying force and skill. The book, originally written, but not published, in French, has been translated into English by Mrs. Warington Smyth, wife of Prof. Warington Smyth, F.R.S.

THE Popular Concerts on Saturday and Monday last included nothing worthy of note from a critical point of view, though the programmes were generally attractive. To-day Mdlle. Janotha is announced to make her first appearance this

Mr. John Boosey's seventh Ballad Concert was given at St. James's Hall on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Algernon Ashton gave a performance of his own compositions at the studio of Mr. Burne Jones on Thursday evening.

AT Mr. Stratton's fourth chamber concert at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on the 22nd ult., the programme included a Sonata for piano and violoncello and an Adagio for the same instruments, both by Mr. Edward Sharp; a String Quartet by Mr. Thomas Anderton; and Schubert's Octet in F major.

Miss Madeline Hardy gave a concert at Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, on Thursday evening.

Mr. Halle gave Berlioz's 'Symphonie Fantastique' as the pièce de résistance at his concert at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, last Thursday.

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It is stated that Herr Sucher, the conductor of the Hamburg Opera-house, will succeed Herr Gericke, who has resigned his post at the Vienna Opera. Frau Sucher, it is said, is also engaged for Vienna. Her loss will be severely felt in Hamburg.

Franz Liszr's new oratorio 'Stanislaus' is so far completed that some portions will be performed at the festival of the German Musical Union, which this year takes place at Weimar.

GLUCK'S 'Alceste' has lately been revived at Munich, with Herr and Frau Vogl in the principal parts.

DRAMA

COURT THEATRE, SLOANE SQUARE—Lessees and Managers Mr. John Clayton and Mr. Arthur Cecil.—EVERY EVENTNG until further notice, at 8. "THE MILLIONAIRE." by G. W. Godfrey, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Arthur Cecil, Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Charles Sugden, Mr. G. Trent, Mr. Maurice, Mr. C. Sevton, and Mr. John Clayton. Box. Office hours, It till 5. No fees. Doors open at 740.—LAST NIGHTS O'THE MILLIONAIRE.

Francis Beaumont: a Critical Study. By G. C. Macaulay. (Kegan Paul, Trench & Co.) It may be safely predicted that no critic of the future will have the hardihood to declare with Coloridge that it is an absolute impossibility to distinguish Beaumont's hand from Fletcher's in any play on which the two friends worked together. The decision at which the subtlest of English critics arrived is certainly astounding; but hardly less astounding is the presumption of those scholars who without hesitation assign each scene, or portion of a scene, to its proper owner. A few years ago, when there was much talk of "metrical tests," Mr. Fleay drew up for the New Shakspere Society a tabular statement which professed to go far towards settling the difficulty. Mr. Fleay's conclusions are not seldom such as an appreciative reader would have reached by a less mechanical process; but it must have been a strange metrical analysis that led so able a scholar as Mr. Fleay to ascribe the 'Faithful Friends' to Beaumont. At first sight it would seem to be the easiest thing in the world to detect Fletcher's mannered cadences in every instance; as a matter of fact it is often very difficult. In such a line as

Looks not Evadne beauteous in these rites now? the use of the redundant monosyllable "now" at once suggests Fletcher. We will venture to say that at least a couple of hundred times Fletcher adds "now" or "sir" at the end of a line simply for metrical reasons. Beaumont, it might be plausibly asserted, would have ended with the word "rites"; yet the verse we have quoted occurs in a scene ('Maid's Tragedy,' V. iv.) which Mr. Macaulay assigns confidently—and, as we think, rightly—to Beaumont.

Mr. Macaulay claims that his essay is "the first systematic attempt to separate Beaumont and Fletcher on broad grounds of criticism." Remembering Mr. Swinburne's just and eloquent essay in the 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' we were somewhat surprised at this opening statement. Only once is there a reference to Mr. Swinburne, and then he is mentioned as "A. C. S. in 'Encyclopædia Britannica.'" It is strange, too, to learn that the writer only became acquainted with Mr. Fleay's investigations when his own work had made some progress; for it had seemed to us hardly credible that Mr. Fleay's views as to the author-

ship of the 'Knight of Malta,' 'Thierry and Theodorat,' and the 'Captain' could receive independent confirmation from any quarter. Proceeding from the preface to the first chapter, we find ourselves involved in a dissertation on the origin of the English drama. Mr. Macaulay is determined to omit nothing. His chapter on the early drama is sensible and well written, but it is altogether superfluous. A critical essay on Francis Beaumont appeals to scholars, who may reasonably be supposed to have heard such a very old tale before. But this is a matter of slight importance; and we congratulate Mr. Macaulay on having written a readable and, in the main, discriminating essay.

We are inclined to think that Mr. Macaulay overrates the value of the 'Scornful Lady' as a picture of English domestic life. Heywood's best plays make us realize far more vividly what every-day life was like in an Elizabethan country house. Nor are we disposed to take it for granted that the first two acts of the play are wholly by Beaumont. Mr. Macaulay thinks that Beaumont's hand is clearly seen in the "burlesque magniloquence" of Sir Roger, the chaplain. Let us take a passage:—

Did I for this
Consume my quarters in meditation, vows,
And woo'd her in Heroical Epistles?
Did I expound the Owl, and undertook
With labour and expense the recollection
Of those thousand pieces
Consumed in cellars and tobacco-shops
Of that our honoured Englishman N[ich.] Br[eton]?

Now let us turn to the 'Epistle to Henry Reynolds,' and see how Drayton speaks of Sir John and Francis Beaumont:—

Then the two Beaumonts and my Browne arose, My dear companions whom I freely chose My bosom friends, and in their several ways Rightly born poets, and in these last days Men of much note and no less nobler parts; Such as have freely told to me their hearts As I have mine to them.

Drayton's language is very emphatic. He claims to have been on terms of the closest intimacy with the dramatist; and it may reasonably be objected that Beaumont would not have deliberately chosen a bosom friend as a butt for ridicule. Then as to the sneer at Nicholas Breton. In 'Wit without Money,' which Mr. Macaulay, in company with all respectable critics, assigns wholly to Fletcher, the voluminous pamphleteer (who was also a charming lyrist) is again mentioned in no very polite terms:—

Who look'd on you But piping kites that knew you would be prizes, And prentices in Paul's Churchyard, that scented Your want of Breton's books?

We cannot recall another allusion to Breton in any play of the time, and it may be fairly contended that both passages are from Fletcher's hand. But "Fletcher does not, so far as we know him apart, deal at all in burlesque." Really Mr. Macaulay should be more careful. Again we turn to 'Wit without Money,' and find such lines as the following:—

Now rise, thou maiden-night of Malligo! Lace on thy helmet of enchanted sack And charge again! (V. ii.)

Mr. Macaulay fails to notice the many points of resemblance between the 'Scornful Lady' and 'Wit without Money.' Valentine in the latter play is just such a fantastic prodigal as Young Loveless in the former;

and Francisco pairs off with the Elder Loveless. In each play there is a rich lady besieged by suitors; and the business lies in the dexterous stratagems by which heroines outwit the amorous gallants. Savil in the 'Scornful Lady' is the very counterpart of Lance in 'Wit without Money.' Both are old and privileged servants, who begin by reproving their masters' riotous courses, but afterwards, unable to resist the force of example, so far forget their gravity as to join the revels and appear on the stage in a state of drunken exhilaration.

Mr. Macaulay thinks that 'Philaster' was the unassisted work of Beaumont, and other critics have been of the same opinion. Yet the character of Megra, the wanton court lady, is one that appears constantly in Fletcher's undoubted plays; and the versification in some places, if it has not the characteristics of Fletcher's peculiar style, is not stamped indubitably as Beaumont's. It may be questioned whether Fletcher adopted ab initio the metrical style for which he was afterwards distinguished. As Mr. Macaulay remarks, the blank verse of the 'Faithful Shepherdess,' where nobody has suspected a second author, is free from Fletcher's peculiarities.

In 'Thierry and Theodoret' it is not at all easy to recognize Beaumont's hand. The scenes which Mr. Macaulay assigns to him we believe to belong to Massinger. The metrical characteristics of Massinger—notably his practice of ending ten-syllabled unstopped lines with such unemphatic monosyllables as "to," "and," "for"—are seen in many passages. Leaving metrical considerations, we may remark that the scenes claimed for Beaumont are not written in the terse, solid language that distinguished Shakspeare's nearest follower. On the contrary, there is an incoherence, amounting almost to slovenliness, in the structure of the sentences; instead of being strongly riveted, the clauses dangle loosely.

Nor is it easy to believe that Beaumont had any share in the 'Knight of Malta.' Here, too, we suspect that Fletcher's coadjutor was Massinger. Mr. Macaulay attributes to Beaumont the second and fifth acts; but it seems to us a sheer impossibility that Beaumont could have written the prosy song in the last scene of the fifth act. Massinger was a poor hand at a song; he had less lyric power than any of his contemporaries. Moreover, the elaborate tableau at the close of the play-" A curtain is drawn. An altar discover'd with tapers on it. The two Bishops stand on each side of it, &c."—is conceived very much in Massinger's manner. It was not Beaumont's practice to aim at such spectacular effects. And what does Mr. Macaulay think of the metre of the following passage ?-

For praise unto the good, a terror to The bad, and an example to all men; We here deprive thee of our habit, and Declare thee unworthy our society.

Where will he find in Beaumont's undoubted work such lines as the first and third of these? In other passages the excessive use of parentheses reminds us of Massinger's practice. How far Massinger was concerned in the plays that pass under the names of Beaumont and Fletcher is a matter that requires to be carefully investigated. Mr. Robert Boyle (the writer

of the able analysis of the newly-recovered 'Barneveldt's Tragedy,' which is beyond all reasonable doubt the work of Fletcher and Massinger) is contributing some papers on this subject to the 'Englische Studien,' and Mr. Fleay is similarly engaged. When these scholars come to examine the 'Captain,' they will probably find reason for transferring to Massinger the scenes which Mr. Macaulay assigns to Beaumont.

We agree with Mr. Macaulay's analysis of 'A King and No King,' but we dissent entirely from the view that the character of the thrasonical Bessus is "drawn after Falstaff rather than Bobadil." harsh, ruthless portraiture of Bessus there is nothing of genial warmth, not a touch of relieving pathos. Nim and Pistol would have been ashamed to be seen for five minutes in the company of so hard-featured a fellow.

With 'Love's Cure' Mr. Macaulay does not deal. Fletcher certainly had no share in it. The comic scenes, which are mostly in prose, seem to be the work of an inferior playwright; but the serious scenes are not unworthy of Beaumont. Perhaps Mr. Macaulay is right in claiming for Beaumont the 'Knight of the Burning Pestle' in its Through the five admirable ects entirety. it is extremely difficult to detect with certainty the presence of a second hand. The publisher of the first edition, who at one moment talks of the "parents" of the play and at another of the "father," records that this inimitable burlesque was written in eight days. It would be hard to over-estimate the loss that English literature sustained by Beaumont's untimely death.

Before dismissing the 'Inner Temple Masque' Mr. Macaulay should have quoted the marvellous dance-song :

Shake off your heavy trance! And leap into a dance Such as no mortals use to tread: Fit only for Apollo
To play to, for the moon to lead
And all the stars to follow.

With such a lyric ringing in his ears, who can believe that Beaumont was responsible for the drowsy measures at the close of the 'Knight of Malta'?

Some good remarks on Beaumont's "dramatic irony" follow the general analysis, and then the writer proceeds to criticize with fulness and ability the 'Maid's Tragedy,' 'A King and No King,' and the 'Knight of the Burning Pestle.' The "Study" is, indeed, interesting throughout. It is probable that the writer will find reason to modify some of his views when he comes to consider more closely Massinger's relation to Fletcher; and perhaps if he rereads 'A Woman is a Weathercock' and 'Amends for Ladies' he will be led to think that Nat Field (Massinger's coadjutor in the 'Fatal Dowry') was a man of parts, not such a starveling poet as he is represented in a passage of the "Study." Nay, remembering the dainty verses descriptive of Maid Marian's greenwood life, we would even venture to put forward a modest plea for Antony Munday. Why should Mr. Macaulay be troubled by Gervinus's strictures on the Elizabethan dramatists? We have had enough, and more than enough, of nebulous criticism from Germany.

Before laying down this readable essay

we must expand a statement that occurs in

the preface. "It may interest some of the many lovers of Charles Lamb," says Mr. Macaulay, "to hear that the copy of Beau-mont and Fletcher which belonged to him, and was used in making selections for his specimens, is at present in the British Museum, having been picked up accidentally at a sale a few years ago." It was the late at a sale a rew years ago. It was the Lieut.-Col. Cunningham who "picked up" the precious folio, which at the sale of that scholar's books was purchased by the British Museum authorities for 251. It is strange that a volume of such surpassing interest excited so little competition.

THE WEEK.

LYCEUM.—'Comedy and Tragedy,'a Drama in One Act. y W. S. Gilbert.

To her warmest admirers Miss Anderson's performance of the heroine in Mr. Gilbert's new drama of 'Comedy and Tragedy' comes as a surprise. Pleasing as it is, Miss Anderson's art has always had a certain crudeness. A delightful representative of one or two characters belonging to imaginative comedy, Miss Anderson pleased by the grace and charm of her acting rather than by its strength. That strength existed was perceptible. It was, however, undis-ciplined and insubordinate. Her highest triumph hitherto obtained consisted in investing the characters assumed with distinction and poetry, and permeating them, so to speak, with her own attractive individuality. In no case of a success so speedy and so complete has the tribute of the public been thus ascribable to the individuality of the artist, or partaken to the same extent of personal homage. Matters are now changed, and the poetical and susceptible exponent of imaginative comedy stands forward an actress. Her histrionic gait is, so to speak, unsteady, and her method scarcely formed. The power is, however, genuine, and the capacity to grip an audience, to stir it with emotion and melt it into pathos, is established. What now seems necessary to make of an excellent Parthenia and a delightful Galatea a Juliet, a Phèdre, a Hecuba, is that ripening influence of passion and suffering which, even in the interest of art, it would be cruel to wish an actress. For even yet, though the various emotions and passions are well indicated, and varying aspects of character are seized upon and shown, there is much to be learnt. That scarcely definable difference in sculpture between the pure and fearless nudity of the Greek and the semi-conscious unclothedness of modern art is recalled in Miss Anderson's portrayal of the passion she evolves rather than feels. Still her performance is remarkable for power as well as for beauty, and holds forth promise of higher things in store. Miss Anderson now shows the value of her training. Her features are under control, and her transition from one passion or emotion to its opposite evinces knowledge how to employ her resources. The character in which she appears is suited to her. Originally designed for Miss Kate Terry, Mr. Gilbert's new drama slept until it made its appearance in a Christmas annual as a prose story. It now assumes dramatic shape, and furnishes Miss Anderson with the best opportunity she has hitherto had. In itself the story is as slight as it can be. Persecuted

by the odious attentions of a nobleman of the highest rank, who has even sought to carry her off by violence, Clarice, an actress of the Comédie Française, plots with her husband to take a signal revenge. The duke is accordingly invited to supper, and finds himself alone with the object of his passion. While urging his suit he is surprised by the husband and compelled to fight a duel. His suite are within the house, and Clarice engages to keep the attention of its members occupied while the duel is being conducted without seconds in the garden. In presence of her aristocratic audience, accordingly, she goes through a species of improvisation, in which she indicates the various types the actor is called upon to present, now strutting as Rodomont, now grimacing as Mascarille, now cowering as Harpagon, and now smirking as Jodelet disguised en Vicomte. While thus engaged, her ear, alive to every sound from the gar-den, hears what she conceives to be her husband's cry of pain. The door is locked, and one of her guests is master of the key. In her passionate adjuration to him to let her through the closed door, and in her wild and frantic despair, the spectators see a mere transition from comedy to tragedy, and admire as art what is in fact nature. The play then ends happily. It is impossible wholly to dissociate it from 'Tabarin,' in which a mountebank whose wife has deserted him makes complaints, which the assembled crowd take for a portion of the customary fooling. Besides changing the sex of the principal character, however, Mr. Gilbert has strengthened and heightened the motive. By making the villain of the piece no less a personage than the Regent d'Orléans Mr. Gilbert has added to a subject which must always appear strained a strong element of extra impossibility. When the husband, re-entering, says that the Regent, then assumably only in the third year of his regency, is wounded to death, a feeling of amusement is created at the needless violation of history. Any grand seigneur of the French court would have done equally well, and there was at this period of time no lack of dissolute noblemen among whom to choose. The duel, even, would have gained in probability. It is easy to see why Mr. Gilbert wanted a personage of high importance. Something less than the highest would, however, have done.

The dialogue is good throughout. 'Comedy and Tragedy' is a one-part piece. No one except the heroine has more than a few words to speak. The actors acquitted themselves fairly of the insignificant tasks assigned them. Mr. Barnes was a conceivable Philippe d'Orléans, and Mr. Alexander played with some robustness as the husband. The costumes were tasteful and well designed, the dress of Miss Anderson being especially beautiful. A warm reception was accorded to all concerned.

Bramatic Cossin.

Mr. Burnand's burlesque of 'Camaralzaman' was produced at the Gaiety on Thursday evening.

A SERIES of representations by Signor Salvini, supported by his Italian company, is announced to commence at Covent Garden Theatre on the

28th instant. Twenty-two performances are promised. Signor Salvini will appear as Lear among other characters.

The success at the Lyceum of Mr. Gilbert's one-act drama, 'Comedy and Tragedy,' is probably the cause why 'Merely Players,' an adaptation of 'Tabarin,' is to be revived at the Prince's Theatre. The two plays, as is stated above, hear some resemblance. bear some resemblance.

'Fun on the Bristol,' a miscellary enter-tainment first given at the Olympic Theatre, has been revived at Sadler's Wells. Mr. John Sheridan repeats in this his droll performance of Widow O'Brien, and several members of the original company reappear in their respective rôles. The mirth-producing power of the piece is increased at the cost of some sacrifice of delicacy. delicacy.

'THE MILLIONAIRE' will shortly be withdrawn from the Court Theatre to make room for a long-promised play by Mr. Brander Matthews,

an American dramatist.

'DIANE DE LYS,' by M. Alexandre Dumas, has been revived at the Vaudeville. Mdlle. Brandès, who carried off a first prize at the late concours of the Conservatoire, made a favourable début as Diane.

'SMILIS,' the new four-act drama of M. Jean Aicard, produced at the Théâtre Français, has met with no more success than has attended other recent experiments at the same house. Mdlle. Reichemberg obtained a triumph as an ingénue whose innocence puts to the blush that of Agnes, and M. Febvre and M. Got were favourably received.

A New play by Spielhagen, called 'Gorettet' ('Saved'), will shortly be produced at the Frankfurt Theatre.

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